

Certain ideals related to the strong measure zero ideal

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1 Motivation and Basic Definition

In 1919, Borel[1] introduced the new class of Lebesgue measure zero sets called strong measure zero sets today. The family of all strong measure zero sets become σ -ideal and is called *the strong measure zero ideal*. The four cardinal invariants (*the additivity, covering number, uniformity and cofinality*) related to the strong measure zero ideal have been studied. In 2002, Yorioka[2] obtained the results about the cofinality of the strong measure zero ideal. In the process, he introduced *the ideal* \mathcal{I}_f for each strictly increasing function f on ω . The ideal \mathcal{I}_f relates to the structure of the real line. We are interested in how the cardinal invariants of the ideal \mathcal{I}_f behave. Mainly, we are interested in the cardinal invariants of the ideals \mathcal{I}_f . In this paper, we deal the consistency problems about the relationship between the cardinal invariants of the ideals \mathcal{I}_f and the minimum and supremum of cardinal invariants of the ideals \mathcal{I}_g for all g .

We explain some notation which we use in this paper. Our notation is quite standard. And we refer the reader to [3] and [4] for undefined notation.

For sets X and Y , we denote by ${}^X Y$ the set of all functions from X to Y . We denote by ${}^{<\omega} 2$ the set of all finite partial function from ω to 2. We write “ \exists^∞ ” and “ \forall^∞ ” to mean that “for infinitely many” and “for all but finitely many” respectively. For a family \mathcal{A} of subsets of \mathcal{X} , we define the following cardinals.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{add}(\mathcal{A}) &= \min \{ |\mathcal{F}| : \mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{A} \text{ and } \bigcup \mathcal{F} \notin \mathcal{A} \}, \\ \text{cov}(\mathcal{A}) &= \min \{ |\mathcal{F}| : \mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{A} \text{ and } \bigcup \mathcal{F} = \mathcal{X} \}, \\ \text{non}(\mathcal{A}) &= \min \{ |Y| : Y \subset \mathcal{X} \text{ and } Y \notin \mathcal{A} \}, \text{ and} \\ \text{cof}(\mathcal{A}) &= \min \{ |\mathcal{F}| : \mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{A} \text{ and } \forall A \in \mathcal{A} \exists B \in \mathcal{F} (A \subset B) \}. \end{aligned}$$

It is easy to check that $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{B}$ implies $\text{non}(\mathcal{A}) \leq \text{non}(\mathcal{B})$ and $\text{cov}(\mathcal{A}) \geq \text{cov}(\mathcal{B})$. If \mathcal{I} is a proper σ -ideal on \mathcal{X} , that is, \mathcal{I} is a σ -ideal and \mathcal{I} contains all singletons of \mathcal{X} and does not contain \mathcal{X} , it holds that $\omega_1 \leq \text{add}(\mathcal{I}) \leq \text{cov}(\mathcal{I}) \leq \text{cof}(\mathcal{I})$ and $\text{add}(\mathcal{I}) \leq \text{non}(\mathcal{I}) \leq \text{cof}(\mathcal{I})$. We often use the notation $\text{CON}(\varphi)$ for a closed formula φ if formula φ is consistent. And CH, GCH and MA stand for the continuum hypothesis, the general continuum hypothesis and the Martin's axiom respectively.

We will work on the topological spaces; the Baire space ${}^\omega\omega$, the Cantor space ${}^\omega 2$ or the space $\mathcal{X}_b = \prod_{n < \omega} b(n)$ where $b \in {}^\omega\omega$ instead of the real line \mathbb{R} . We call an element of any of these spaces *a real*. We denote by \mathcal{M} , \mathcal{N} and \mathcal{SN} the ideal of meager subsets, the ideal of Lebesgue measure zero subsets and the ideal of the strong measure zero subsets of the real line respectively. Each cardinal (the additivity, covering number, uniformity or cofinality) defined by \mathcal{M} , \mathcal{N} or \mathcal{SN} is constant in any of the above topological spaces.

2 Definition of the ideals \mathcal{I}_f

In this section, we mention the ideals \mathcal{I}_f . These ideals are introduced by T. Yorioka to study the cofinality of the strong measure zero ideal. The following definitions are not original definitions which Yorioka introduced, but these are the same ideals as Yorioka defined.

Definition 2.1 For $\sigma \in {}^\omega(<{}^\omega 2)$, define $[\sigma]$ by

$$[\sigma] = \{ x \in {}^\omega 2 : \exists^\infty n < \omega (\sigma(n) \subset x) \}.$$

For each $g \in {}^\omega\omega$ which is non-decreasing, define $\mathbb{T}(g)$ by

$$\mathbb{T}(g) = \prod_{n < \omega} {}^{g(n)} 2,$$

and denote by \mathcal{J}_g the family

$$\mathcal{J}_g = \{ X \subset {}^\omega 2 : \exists \sigma \in \mathbb{T}(g) (X \subset [\sigma]) \}.$$

Note that $g \leq^* g'$ implies $\mathcal{J}_g \supset \mathcal{J}_{g'}$.

Definition 2.2 (T. Yorioka [2]) Let $f \in {}^\omega\omega$ be strictly increasing. Define the relation " \ll " on ${}^\omega\omega$ and the set $S(f)$ by

$$f \ll g \text{ iff } \forall k < \omega \forall^\infty n < \omega (f(n^k) \leq g(n)),$$

$$S(f) = \bigcup_{f \ll g} T(g),$$

and denote by \mathcal{I}_f the family

$$\mathcal{I}_f = \{ X \subset {}^\omega 2 : \exists \sigma \in S(f) (X \subset [\sigma]) \}.$$

To make the ideal \mathcal{I}_f a σ -ideal for each strictly increasing function f , Yorioka introduced the order ' \ll '.

Fact 2.3 (T. Yorioka [2]) *Let $f \in {}^\omega \omega$ be strictly increasing. Then \mathcal{I}_f is a σ -ideal.* \square

It is the fact that $f \leq^* f'$ implies $\mathcal{I}_{f'}$ is a subideal of \mathcal{I}_f . By this fact, we have that $f \leq^* f'$ implies $\text{cov}(\mathcal{I}_f) \leq \text{cov}(\mathcal{I}_{f'})$ and $\text{non}(\mathcal{I}_f) \geq \text{non}(\mathcal{I}_{f'})$. It means that $\min \{ \text{cov}(\mathcal{I}_f) : f \in {}^\omega \omega \text{ and } f \text{ is strictly increasing} \} = \text{cov}(\mathcal{I}_{id_\omega})$ and $\sup \{ \text{non}(\mathcal{I}_f) : f \in {}^\omega \omega \text{ and } f \text{ is strictly increasing} \} = \text{non}(\mathcal{I}_{id_\omega})$ where id_ω is the identity function from ω to ω . About the additivity and cofinality of the ideals \mathcal{I}_f , we have the following fact.

Fact 2.4 (S. Kamo) *Let $f, f' \in {}^\omega \omega$ be strictly increasing. If $\forall^\infty n < \omega$ ($f(n+1) - f(n) \leq f'(n+1) - f'(n)$) holds, then $\text{add}(\mathcal{I}_f) \geq \text{add}(\mathcal{I}_{f'})$ and $\text{cof}(\mathcal{I}_f) \leq \text{cof}(\mathcal{I}_{f'})$ hold.* \square

The supremum of the additivity of \mathcal{I}_f and the minimum of the cofinality of \mathcal{I}_f are determined by the above fact. These are $\text{add}(\mathcal{I}_{id_\omega})$ and $\text{cof}(\mathcal{I}_{id_\omega})$ respectively. So, we define the following cardinal invariants related to the ideals \mathcal{I}_f . We describe the consistency results of these invariants.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{minadd} &= \min \{ \text{add}(\mathcal{I}_f) : f \in {}^\omega \omega \text{ and } f \text{ is strictly increasing} \}, \\ \text{supcov} &= \sup \{ \text{cov}(\mathcal{I}_f) : f \in {}^\omega \omega \text{ and } f \text{ is strictly increasing} \}, \\ \text{minnon} &= \min \{ \text{non}(\mathcal{I}_f) : f \in {}^\omega \omega \text{ and } f \text{ is strictly increasing} \}, \\ \text{supcof} &= \sup \{ \text{cof}(\mathcal{I}_f) : f \in {}^\omega \omega \text{ and } f \text{ is strictly increasing} \}. \end{aligned}$$

3 ZFC results

It can be easily proved that the null ideal \mathcal{N} is the subideal of the ideal \mathcal{I}_f for all strictly function $f \in {}^\omega \omega$. So, we have that $\text{cov}(\mathcal{I}_f) \geq \text{cov}(\mathcal{N})$ and

$\text{non}(\mathcal{I}_f) \leq \text{non}(\mathcal{N})$. Also, for each strictly function $f \in {}^\omega\omega$, it can be easily proved that the ideal \mathcal{I}_f and the meager ideal \mathcal{M} are isogonal. Therefore it holds that $\text{cov}(\mathcal{I}_f) \leq \text{non}(\mathcal{M})$ and $\text{non}(\mathcal{I}_f) \geq \text{cov}(\mathcal{M})$. About the additivity and cofinality of \mathcal{I}_f , the following theorem is proved in 2006.

Theorem 3.1 (S. Kamo) $\text{add}(\mathcal{I}_f) \leq \mathfrak{b}$ and $\text{cof}(\mathcal{I}_f) \geq \mathfrak{d}$. □

It is the known fact that the additivity of the meager ideal \mathcal{M} is the minimum of the unbounding number and the uniformity of the strong measure zero ideal \mathcal{SN} . About the cofinality of the meager ideal \mathcal{M} , M. Kada showed a fact that the cofinality of the meager ideal \mathcal{M} is the maximum of the dominating number and the cardinal invariant \mathfrak{v}_{ubd} that is introduced by M. Kada [5].

And we have the following lemma about the minimum of uniformity of \mathcal{I}_f . Because the strong measure zero ideal corresponds with the intersection of the ideals \mathcal{I}_f for all $f \in {}^\omega\omega$.

Lemma 3.2 $\text{minnon} = \text{non}(\mathcal{SN})$ and $\text{supcov} = \mathfrak{v}_{ubd}$. □

It remarks that $\text{minadd} \leq \text{add}(\mathcal{M})$ and $\text{supcof} \geq \text{cof}(\mathcal{M})$ hold by the theorem 3.1 and lemma 3.2.

We have the twenty cardinal invariants (the invariants in the Cichoń's diagram, the invariants related to the ideals \mathcal{I}_f and ω_1 and the continuum \mathfrak{c}). The following diagram (Figure 1) summarizes the relationships between these cardinal invariants which is provable in ZFC. The arrows in the diagram point toward larger invariant.

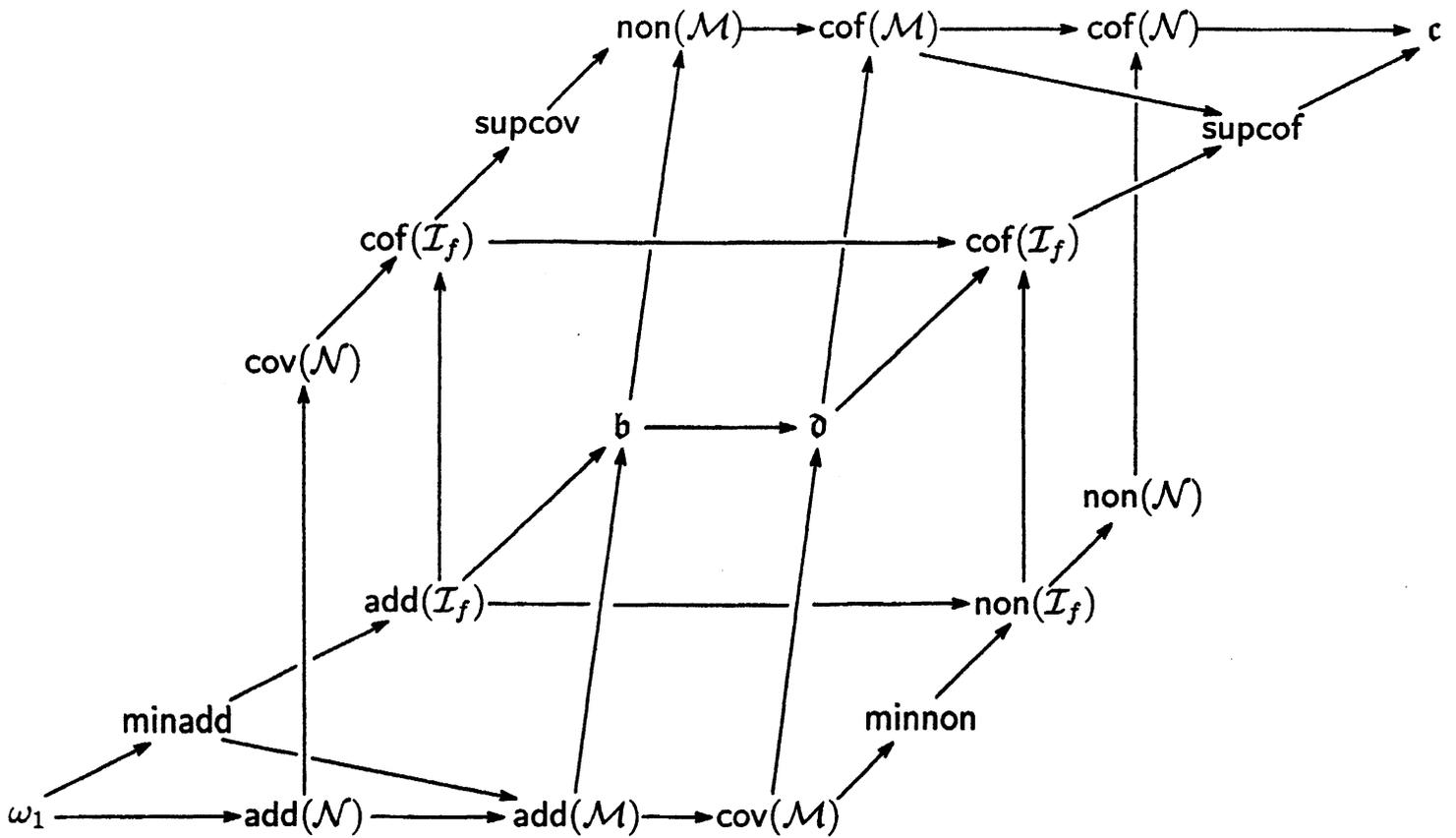


Figure 1: Cichoń's diagram and the cardinal invariants related to the ideals \mathcal{I}_f

Moreover, we introduce the relationship between the cardinal invariants related to the ideals \mathcal{I}_f and the cardinal invariants of the strong measure zero ideal \mathcal{SN} . The strong measure zero ideal is included the ideals \mathcal{I}_f for all $f \in {}^\omega\omega$. So, we have the following results about the supremum of the covering numbers of \mathcal{I}_f . By the lemma 3.2, the minimum of the uniformity of \mathcal{I}_f is identical to the uniformity of the strong measure zero ideal \mathcal{SN} .

Lemma 3.3 $\text{supcov} \leq \text{cov}(\mathcal{SN})$. □

And we have the following results for the additivity.

Lemma 3.4 $\text{minadd} \leq \text{add}(\mathcal{SN})$.

Proof of Lemma 3.4 Let \mathcal{A} be a family of the strong measure zero subsets on ${}^\omega 2$ satisfying the union is not element of \mathcal{SN} and $|\mathcal{A}| = \text{add}(\mathcal{SN})$. By $\mathcal{SN} = \bigcap \{ \mathcal{I}_f : f \in {}^\omega \omega \}$, there exists a strictly increasing function $f_0 \in {}^\omega \omega$ such that $\bigcup \mathcal{A} \notin \mathcal{I}_{f_0}$. So, the additivity of \mathcal{I}_{f_0} is bounded by the cardinality of \mathcal{A} . Therefore $\text{minadd} \leq \text{add}(\mathcal{I}_{f_0}) \leq |\mathcal{A}| = \text{add}(\mathcal{SN})$, because \mathcal{A} is a subfamily of \mathcal{I}_{f_0} . \square (Lemma 3.4)

We can expect the dual of the lemma above, that is, the supremum of the cofinality of \mathcal{I}_f is an upper bound of the cofinality of \mathcal{SN} . But it is possible that the cofinality of \mathcal{SN} is larger than the continuum. We introduce a number that is beyond the cofinality of the strong measure zero ideal \mathcal{SN} .

Lemma 3.5 $\text{cof}(\mathcal{SN}) \leq 2^\mathfrak{d}$.

Proof of Lemma 3.5 Let \mathcal{D} be a dominating family of strictly increasing function of ${}^\omega \omega$ satisfying $|\mathcal{D}| = \mathfrak{d}$. For each $f \in \mathcal{D}$, we take a cofinal family \mathcal{F}_f of the ideal \mathcal{I}_f such that $|\mathcal{F}_f| = \text{cof}(\mathcal{I}_f)$. Put

$$\mathcal{B} = \left\{ \bigcap_{f \in \mathcal{D}} \pi(f) : \pi \in \prod_{f \in \mathcal{D}} \mathcal{F}_f \right\}.$$

It is the fact that each element of \mathcal{B} is a strong measure zero subset. Because for each dominating family \mathcal{D} , the strong measure zero ideal \mathcal{SN} is the intersection of the ideal \mathcal{I}_f for all $f \in \mathcal{D}$.

The cardinality of \mathcal{B} is equal to $2^\mathfrak{d}$. In order to prove that \mathcal{B} is a cofinal family of \mathcal{SN} , let X be a strong measure zero subset on ${}^\omega 2$. There exists $Y_f \in \mathcal{I}_f$ such that $X \subset Y_f$ for each $f \in \mathcal{D}$, because $X \in \mathcal{SN} \subset \mathcal{I}_f$ holds. So, $X \subset \bigcap \{ Y_f : f \in \mathcal{D} \} \in \mathcal{B}$ holds. \square (Lemma 3.5)

4 Consistency results

In this section, we introduce some consistency results. At the first, we introduce the consistency results between the cardinal invariants related to the ideals \mathcal{I}_f and the cardinal invariants in the Cichoń's diagram. It is known result that the Martin's axiom implies $\text{add}(\mathcal{I}_f) = \mathfrak{c}$ for all strictly increasing function $f \in {}^\omega \omega$. This is proved by using the forcing notion which is

introduced by T. Yorioka [2]. Therefore it is consistent that $\text{minadd} > \omega_1$ holds. And we have proved the consistency that $\text{cof}(\mathcal{I}_f) < \mathfrak{c}$ for all strictly increasing function $f \in {}^\omega\omega$. This is proved by using a ω_2 -stage countable support iteration of forcing notions with the Sacks property [6]. Therefore it is consistent that $\text{supcof} < \mathfrak{c}$.

We proved the following lemma.

Lemma 4.1 (CH) *Let \mathbb{D}_{ω_2} be the ω_2 -stage finite support iteration of the Hechler forcing notion. Then it holds that $\Vdash_{\mathbb{D}_{\omega_2}} \text{“}\forall f \in {}^\omega\omega (\text{cov}(\mathcal{I}_f) = \omega_1) \text{ and } \text{add}(\mathcal{M}) = \omega_2\text{”}$.*

Proof of Lemma 4.1 Let \dot{f} be a \mathbb{D}_{ω_2} -name for strictly increasing function in ${}^\omega\omega$. There exist $\alpha < \omega_2$ and $f \in V^{\mathbb{D}^\alpha}$ such that $\Vdash f = \dot{f}$. Consider the generic model $V^{\mathbb{D}^\alpha}$ as the ground model and the iteration $\mathbb{D}_{\alpha, \omega_2}$ as the ω_2 -stage finite support iteration \mathbb{D}_{ω_2} of the Hechler forcing notion in $V^{\mathbb{D}^\alpha}$.

In order to show that $\Vdash_{\mathbb{D}_{\omega_2}} {}^\omega 2 \subset \bigcup \{ [\sigma] : \sigma \in \mathcal{S}(f) \}$, let \dot{x} be a \mathbb{D}_{ω_2} -name for a real. There exists a countable subset I of ω_2 and a \mathbb{D}_I -name \dot{y} such that $\Vdash_{\mathbb{D}_I} \dot{y} \in {}^\omega 2$ and $\Vdash_{\mathbb{D}_{\omega_2}} \dot{y} = \dot{x}$, where the forcing notion \mathbb{D}_I for each subset I of ω_2 is defined by the ω_2 -stage finite support iteration $\langle P_\xi, \dot{Q}_\xi : \xi < \omega_2 \rangle$ such that \dot{Q}_ξ is a P_ξ -name for the Hechler forcing notion if $\xi \in I$, otherwise \dot{Q}_ξ is a P_ξ -name for trivial forcing notion for each $\xi < \omega_2$. It is known that \mathbb{D}_I is a complete embedding of \mathbb{D}_{ω_2} .

Let $\langle I_n : n < \omega \rangle$ be a \subset -increasing sequence of finite subsets of I such that $\bigcup \{ I_n : n < \omega \} = I$. For each $n < \omega$ and each function φ from I_n to ${}^n 2$, define the subset $R(n, \varphi)$ by

$$R(n, \varphi) = \{ p \in \mathbb{D}_I : \text{supp}(p) = I_n \\ \text{and } \forall \xi \in I_n (p \upharpoonright \xi \Vdash \exists h \in {}^\omega\omega p(\xi) = (\varphi(\xi), h)) \}.$$

Then $R(n, \varphi)$ is centered and $\bigcup \{ R(n, \varphi) : n < \omega \text{ and } \varphi : I_n \rightarrow {}^n 2 \}$ is dense in \mathbb{D}_I . We have the following claim.

Claim 4.2 *Let n be an element of ω and φ a function from I_n to ${}^n 2$. For \mathbb{D}_I -name \dot{a} for an element of a finite set in the ground model, there exists b such that $p \Vdash \dot{a} \neq b$ for all $p \in R(n, \varphi)$.*

Proof of Claim 4.2 Since $R(n, \varphi)$ is centered, this claim can be easily proved. \square (Claim 4.2)

Let $\langle (n_i, \varphi_i) : i < \omega \rangle$ be a sequence of all pairs of $n < \omega$ and $\varphi : I_n \rightarrow {}^n 2$ and g a function in ${}^\omega \omega$ such that $g \gg f$. For each $i < \omega$, take $s_i \in {}^{g(i)} 2$ by considering $\dot{y} \upharpoonright g(i)$ as \dot{a} in the claim above. Define $\sigma \in \mathcal{T}(g) \subset \mathcal{S}(f)$ by $\sigma(i) = s_i$ for $i < \omega$. Then it holds that $\Vdash_{\mathbb{D}_I} \dot{y} \in [\sigma]$. Hence we have that $\Vdash_{\mathbb{D}_{\omega_2}} \dot{x} \in [\sigma]$. \square (Lemma 4.1)

And we proved the dual of the lemma above.

Lemma 4.3 (MA + $\mathfrak{c} = \omega_2$) *Let \mathbb{D}_{ω_1} be the ω_2 -stage finite support iteration of the Hechler forcing notion. Then it holds that $\Vdash_{\mathbb{D}_{\omega_2}} \text{“}\forall f \in {}^\omega \omega \text{ (non}(\mathcal{I}_f) = \omega_2) \text{ and } \text{cof}(\mathcal{M}) = \omega_1\text{”}$.*

Proof of Lemma 4.3 This lemma is proved by the same way as the lemma 4.1. \square (Lemma 4.3)

By these results, we have the following consistency results.

Corollary 4.4 $\text{CON}(\text{supcov} < \text{non}(\mathcal{M}))$ and $\text{CON}(\text{minadd} < \text{add}(\mathcal{M}))$. \square

Corollary 4.5 $\text{CON}(\text{minnon} > \text{cov}(\mathcal{M}))$ and $\text{CON}(\text{supcof} > \text{cof}(\mathcal{M}))$. \square

Also we studied about the consistency problems between the cardinal invariants of \mathcal{I}_{f_0} for each function $f_0 \in {}^\omega \omega$ and the minimum or supremum of the cardinal invariants of \mathcal{I}_f for all $f \in {}^\omega \omega$. We obtained the following results for the covering number and uniformity.

Theorem 4.6 (CH) *For all strictly increasing functions $g \in {}^\omega \omega$ there exist a strictly increasing function $f \in {}^\omega \omega$ and a forcing notion \mathbb{P} which satisfies countable chain condition such that $\Vdash_{\mathbb{P}} \text{cov}(\mathcal{I}_f) > \text{cov}(\mathcal{I}_g)$.* \square

Theorem 4.7 (MA + $\mathfrak{c} = \omega_2$) *For all strictly increasing functions $g \in {}^\omega \omega$ there exist a strictly increasing function $f \in {}^\omega \omega$ and a forcing notion \mathbb{Q} which satisfies countable chain condition such that $\Vdash_{\mathbb{Q}} \text{non}(\mathcal{I}_f) < \text{non}(\mathcal{I}_g)$.* \square

By these theorem, we can obtain the following corollary immediately.

Corollary 4.8 $\text{CON}(\exists f (\text{supcov} > \text{cov}(\mathcal{I}_f)))$ and $\text{CON}(\exists f (\text{minnon} < \text{non}(\mathcal{I}_f)))$.

□

About the covering number and uniformity, we obtain some results. But we have no consistency results between the invariants of each \mathcal{I}_f and the minimum (or supremum) of the invariants of all \mathcal{I}_f about the additivity (or cofinality).

Question 4.9 *Is it consistent that there is a strictly increasing function $f \in {}^\omega\omega$ such that $\text{minadd} < \text{add}(\mathcal{I}_f)$? And is it consistent that there is a strictly increasing function $f \in {}^\omega\omega$ such that $\text{supcof} > \text{cof}(\mathcal{I})$?*

Next, we introduce the consistency results between the strong measure zero ideal and the ideals \mathcal{I}_f . We have the three inequalities, that is, $\text{minadd} \leq \text{add}(\mathcal{SN})$ and $\text{supcov} \leq \text{cov}(\mathcal{SN})$ and $\text{cof}(\mathcal{SN}) \leq 2^\mathfrak{d}$. (The minimum of the uniformity of the ideals \mathcal{I}_f is equal to the uniformity of the strong measure zero ideal \mathcal{SN} .)

As the results related to the additivity and covering number, the following results is known.

Fact 4.10 (Bartoszyński [3]) (CH) *Let \mathbb{EE}_{ω_2} be the ω_2 -stage countable support iteration of the eventually equal forcing notion. Then $\Vdash_{\mathbb{EE}_{\omega_2}} \text{cof}(\mathcal{M}) = \omega_1$ and $\text{add}(\mathcal{SN}) = \omega_2$.*

□

By $\text{minadd} \leq \text{supcov} \leq \text{cof}(\mathcal{M})$, the following corollary can be obtained immediately.

Corollary 4.11 $\text{CON}(\text{minadd} < \text{add}(\mathcal{SN}))$ and $\text{CON}(\text{supcov} < \text{cov}(\mathcal{SN}))$.

□

About the cofinality of the strong measure zero ideal \mathcal{SN} , the following fact is known.

Fact 4.12 (T. Yorioka [2]) CH *implies $\text{cof}(\mathcal{SN}) = \mathfrak{d}_{\omega_1}$, where \mathfrak{d}_{ω_1} is the dominating number for the functions in ${}^{\omega_1}\omega_1$.*

□

By $\omega_2 \leq \mathfrak{d}_{\omega_1} \leq 2^{\omega_1}$, GCH implies that the cofinality of the strong measure zero ideal \mathcal{SN} is equal to $2^{\mathfrak{d}}$.

Also, the cofinality of the strong measure zero ideal \mathcal{SN} is equal to the continuum in the model satisfying the Borel conjecture. And it is consistent that the Borel conjecture holds and the dominating number \mathfrak{d} is equal to the continuum. (By using the ω_2 -stage countable support iteration of the Mathias forcing notion, we can obtain a model in which the Borel conjecture holds and the dominating number \mathfrak{d} is equal to the continuum [7].) So it is consistent that $\text{cof}(\mathcal{SN}) < 2^{\mathfrak{d}}$.

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