

# Simplified Morasses without Linear Limits

Morasses simplificado sin límites lineales

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ABSTRACT. If there is a strongly unfoldable cardinal then there is a forcing extension with a simplified  $(\omega_2, 1)$ -morass and no simplified  $(\omega_1, 1)$ -morass with linear limits.

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RESUMEN. Si hay un cardinal desdoblable entonces hay una extensión forcing con una  $(\omega_2, 1)$ -morass simplificada y ninguna  $(\omega_1, 1)$ -morass simplificada con límites lineales.

*Palabras y frases clave.* Morasses, sucesiones cuadrado, cardinales desdoblables.

## 1. Introduction

Morasses and its variations have been applied to solving problems of different sources in mathematics like combinatorial (Kurepa, Cantor trees), model theoretic (Chang transfer cardinal theorems) and as a test question for some inner models. We are interested in two kind of morasses: plain morasses and morasses with linear limits. We observe that these two notions do not always agree: If there are simplified morasses with linear limits, then there are morasses but the converse is not generally true.

We will need more than ZFC since Donder [2] has shown that if  $V = L$  and  $\kappa > \omega$  is a regular but not weakly compact cardinal then there is a simplified  $(\kappa, 1)$ -morass with linear limits. He also has proved there the following:

**Theorem 1** (Lemma 1 in [2]). *If there is a simplified  $(\kappa, 1)$ -morass with linear limits, then  $\kappa$  is not weakly compact.*

Also Stanley in [1] has observed that if there is a supercompact cardinal then there is a simplified  $(\omega_2, 1)$ -morass but there is no simplified  $(\omega_2, 1)$ -morass with linear limits. Donder's statement suggests that it should be enough a weakly compact cardinal. In this note, we improve this statement by using just a strongly unfoldable cardinal. Concretely, we prove the following:

**Main Theorem.** *Let  $\kappa$  be a strongly unfoldable cardinal. Then there is a forcing extension with a simplified  $(\omega_2, 1)$ -morass but with no a simplified  $(\omega_1, 1)$ -morass with linear limits.*

For this, we will use the following theorem by Johnstone:

**Theorem 2** (See [6]). *Let  $\kappa$  be strongly unfoldable cardinal. Then there is a set forcing extension in which the strong unfoldability of  $\kappa$  is indestructible by  $< \kappa$ -closed,  $\kappa$ -proper forcing of any size. This includes all  $< \kappa$ -closed posets that are either  $\kappa^+$ -c.c. or  $\leq \kappa$ -strategically closed.*

Also, we will use Proposition 50 and Proposition 52 in [5]. We summarize these propositions in the following theorem:

**Theorem 3.** *The forcing which adds a  $(\kappa, 1)$ -morass is  $< \kappa$ -closed and has the  $\kappa^+$ -c.c.*

The idea is to add a simplified  $(\kappa, 1)$ -morass for a strongly unfoldable cardinal  $\kappa$  as above; this partial order is  $< \kappa$ -closed and has the  $\kappa^+$ -c.c. by Theorem 3 and does not destroys the strongly unfoldability of  $\kappa$ . Then we collapse with the partial order  $Col(\omega_1, < \kappa)$ . This forcing collapses  $\kappa$  to  $\omega_2$  and preserves everything above  $\kappa^+$ , in particular it preserves the simplified morass.

**Theorem 4** (Corollary 7.9 in [3]). *Let  $\tau$  regular cardinal and  $\kappa > \tau$  weakly compact cardinal. If  $G$  is  $Col(\tau, < \kappa)$ -generic then*

$$V[G] \models \text{“If } S \subseteq S_{<\tau}^{\tau^+} \text{ is stationary, there is an } \alpha \in S_{\tau}^{\tau^+}, \\ \text{with } S \cap \alpha \text{ stationary”}.$$

where  $S_{<\tau}^{\tau^+} = \{\beta < \tau^+ \mid \text{cof}(\beta) < \tau\}$  and  $S_{\tau}^{\tau^+} = \{\beta < \tau^+ \mid \text{cof}(\beta) = \tau\}$ .

**Theorem 5** (Fact 2.9 in [4]). *If  $\square_{\tau}$  holds and  $S \subseteq \tau^+$  is a stationary set, then there exists a stationary  $T \subseteq \tau^+$  such that  $T \cap \alpha$  is not stationary for every  $\alpha < \tau^+$ .*

We observe that  $\square_{\omega_1}$  fails in this extension.

**Theorem 6** (Theorem 3.1 in [1]). *If there is a simplified  $(\kappa, 1)$ -morass with linear limits then  $\square_{\kappa}$  is true.*

We conclude from the previous theorem that there is no simplified  $(\omega_1, 1)$ -morass with linear limits.

## 2. Strongly Unfoldable Cardinals

Strongly unfoldable cardinals were introduced by Villaveces in [7], they generalize weakly compact cardinals, preserve to the constructible universe  $L$ , but they have some features of strong and supercompact cardinals.

Let  $\kappa > \omega$  be a regular cardinal.  $M$  is a  $\kappa$ -model if  $|M| = \kappa$ ,  $\kappa \in M$ ,  $M \models \text{ZFC}$  and  $M^{<\kappa} \subseteq M$ .

Let  $\kappa$  be an inaccessible cardinal,  $M$  a  $\kappa$ -model and  $\theta \geq \kappa$  be an ordinal.  $\kappa$  is *weakly compact* cardinal if there exists an elementary embedding  $j : M \rightarrow N$  such that  $cp(j) = \kappa$ .  $\kappa$  is  *$\theta$ -strongly unfoldable* if there exists  $j : M \rightarrow N$  an elementary embedding such that  $cp(j) = \kappa$ ,  $j(\kappa) > \theta$  and  $V_\theta \subseteq N$ .  $\kappa$  is *strongly unfoldable* if for every  $\theta > \kappa$ ,  $\kappa$  is  $\theta$ -strongly unfoldable. In particular if  $\kappa$  is a strongly unfoldable cardinal,  $\kappa$  is a weakly compact cardinal.

## 3. Simplified Morasses with Linear Limits

Like  $\square_\kappa$  and  $\diamond_\kappa$ , simplified morasses belong to the family of combinatorial principles true in  $L$ , the constructible universe. Morasses were introduced by Jensen in the 1970's in order to solve some cardinal transfer theorems. If there is a  $(\kappa^+, 1)$ -morass then for every cardinal  $\lambda$ ,  $(\lambda^{++}, \lambda) \rightarrow (\kappa^{++}, \kappa)$ , where  $(\lambda^{++}, \lambda)$  means there is a structure of size  $\lambda^{++}$  with an unary predicate of size  $\lambda$  and the arrow means that if there is a structure  $\mathcal{A}$  of type  $(\lambda^{++}, \lambda)$  then there is a structure  $\mathcal{B}$  of type  $(\kappa^{++}, \kappa)$  such that  $\mathcal{A} \equiv \mathcal{B}$ .

Let  $\varphi$ ,  $\varphi'$  and  $\sigma$  be ordinals such that  $\sigma < \varphi$  and  $\varphi' = \varphi + (\varphi - \sigma)$ . Let  $f : \varphi + 1 \rightarrow \varphi' + 1$  be an order preserving function.  $f$  is a *shift* function with *split point*  $\sigma$  if  $f \upharpoonright \sigma = id_\sigma$  and for  $\sigma + \delta \leq \varphi$ ,  $f(\sigma + \delta) = \varphi + \delta$ .

A *simplified*  $(\kappa, 1)$ -morass is a double sequence:  $\langle \langle \varphi_\zeta \mid \zeta \leq \kappa \rangle, \langle G_{\zeta\xi} \mid \zeta < \xi \leq \kappa \rangle \rangle$  such that

- (1)  $\langle \varphi_\zeta \mid \zeta \leq \kappa \rangle$  is an increasing sequence of ordinals such that for every  $\zeta < \kappa$ ,  $\varphi_\zeta < \kappa$  y  $\varphi_\kappa = \kappa^+$ .
- (2)  $G_{\zeta\xi} \subseteq \{f \mid f : \varphi_\zeta + 1 \rightarrow \varphi_\xi + 1\}$  is a set of order preserving functions.
- (3) For all  $\zeta < \xi < \kappa$ ,  $|G_{\zeta\xi}| < \kappa$ .
- (4) For all  $\zeta < \kappa$ ,  $G_{\zeta\zeta+1} = \{id, f\}$ , where  $id$  is the identity on  $\varphi_\zeta$  and  $f$  is a shift function with *split point*  $\sigma_\zeta < \varphi_\zeta$  so  $\varphi_{\zeta+1} = \varphi_\zeta + (\varphi_\zeta - \sigma)$ .
- (5) For  $\zeta < \xi \leq \kappa$ ,  $G_{\zeta\gamma} = \{f \circ g \mid g \in G_{\zeta\xi}, f \in G_{\xi\gamma}\}$ .
- (6) If  $\zeta \leq \kappa$  is a limit ordinal then  $\varphi_\zeta = \bigcup_{\xi < \zeta} \{f'' \varphi_\xi \mid f \in G_{\xi\zeta}\}$ .
- (7) For all  $\gamma$  limit ordinal,  $\gamma \leq \kappa$  and for all  $\zeta_1, \zeta_2 \leq \gamma$  y  $f_1 \in G_{\zeta_1\gamma}$ ,  $f_2 \in G_{\zeta_2\gamma}$ , there are  $\xi$ ,  $\zeta_1, \zeta_2 < \xi < \gamma$  and  $f'_1 \in G_{\zeta_1\xi}$ ,  $f'_2 \in G_{\zeta_2\xi}$ ,  $g \in G_{\xi\gamma}$  such that  $f_1 = g \circ f'_1$ , and  $f_2 = g \circ f'_2$ .

Let  $M$  be a simplified  $(\kappa, 1)$ -morass.  $M$  is a *simplified  $(\kappa, 1)$  morass with linear limits* if there is additionally a double sequence  $\langle \langle \beta_\delta^\alpha, f_\delta^\alpha \rangle : \delta < \tau^\alpha \rangle$  for every  $\alpha < \kappa$ ,  $\alpha$  a limit ordinal, such that

- (1) If  $\delta < \gamma < \tau^\alpha$  then  $\beta_\delta^\alpha < \beta_\gamma^\alpha$  and there is a  $g \in G_{\beta_\delta^\alpha \beta_\gamma^\alpha}$  such that  $f_\delta^\alpha = f_\gamma^\alpha \circ g$ .
- (2) If  $\beta < \alpha$  and  $f \in G_{\beta\alpha}$  then there exists  $\delta < \tau^\alpha$  such that  $\beta < \beta_\delta^\alpha$  and there exists  $g \in G_{\beta\beta_\delta^\alpha}$  such that  $f = f_\delta^\alpha \circ g$ .
- (3) Suppose  $\gamma < \tau^\alpha$  and  $\gamma$  is a limit ordinal. Let  $\bar{\alpha} = \beta_\gamma^\alpha$ . Then  $\bar{\alpha}$  is a limit ordinal,  $\tau^{\bar{\alpha}} = \gamma$ , and for all  $\delta < \gamma$   $\beta_\delta^{\bar{\alpha}} = \beta_\delta^\alpha$  and  $f_\delta^{\bar{\alpha}} = f_\gamma^\alpha \circ f_\delta^\alpha$ .

If there is a simplified  $(\kappa, 1)$ -morass with linear limits then there is a  $\square_\kappa$ -sequence (see [1]) and there is  $\kappa$ -Kurepa tree with no  $\lambda$ -Aronszajn subtrees for any regular infinite  $\lambda < \kappa$  and no  $\nu$ -Cantor subtree for any infinite  $\nu < \kappa$  (see [1]). We will use the first statement to prove our main Theorem by showing that  $\square_{\omega_1}$  fails in the final forcing extension, so there cannot be a simplified  $(\omega_1, 1)$ -morass with linear limits.

*Proof Main Theorem.* Since the forcing  $\mathbb{P}$  which adds a simplified  $(\kappa, 1)$ -morass is  $< \kappa$ -closed and  $\kappa^{<\kappa} = \kappa$ ,  $\mathbb{P}$  satisfies the  $\kappa^+$ -c.c., we can apply the Theorem 2. So there is a forcing extension where there is a strongly unfoldable cardinal  $\kappa$  and a simplified  $(\kappa, 1)$ -morass. To finish the proof we collapse  $\kappa$  to  $\omega_2$  with the partial order  $Col(\omega_1, < \kappa)$ , where for  $\tau$  a regular cardinal  $Col(\tau, < \lambda)$  is the set  $\{p \mid p \text{ function } |p| < \tau, dom(p) \subseteq \lambda \times \tau, \forall (\alpha, \zeta) \in dom(p) (\alpha > 0 \rightarrow p(\alpha, \zeta) \in \alpha)\}$  order by  $p \leq q$  if  $q \subseteq p$ .

Since every strongly unfoldable cardinal is weakly compact cardinal and if we collapse a weakly compact cardinal to  $\omega_2$  there is no  $\square_{\omega_1}$ -sequence due to Theorems 4 and 5, so using Theorem 6 we can't have in this forcing extension a simplified  $(\omega_1, 1)$ -morass with linear limits. However we do have a simplified  $(\omega_2, 1)$ -morass since being ordinal and order preserving function (and hence split function) is absolute.  $\checkmark$

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