CP GENERIC EXPANSIONS OF MODELS OF PEANO ARITHMETIC

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Abstract. We study notions of genericity in models of PA, inspired by lines of inquiry initiated by Chatzidakis and Pillay and continued by Dolich, Miller and Steinhorn in general model-theoretic contexts. These papers studied the theories obtained by adding a “random” predicate to a class of structures. Chatzidakis and Pillay axiomatized the theories obtained in this way. In this article, we look at the subsets of models of PA which satisfy the axiomatization given by Chatzidakis and Pillay; we refer to these subsets in models of PA as CP-generics. We study a more natural property, called strong CP-genericity, which implies CP-genericity. We use an arithmetic version of Cohen forcing to construct (strong) CP-generics with various properties, including ones in which every element of the model is definable in the expansion, and, on the other extreme, ones in which the definable closure relation is unchanged.

1. Introduction

In [2], Chatzidakis and Pillay studied “generic” expansions of theories. Given a first order theory $T$ in a language $\mathcal{L}$, and a unary predicate $P \not\in \mathcal{L}$, Chatzidakis and Pillay axiomatized the theory $T_P$, the model companion of $T$ in the language $\mathcal{L} \cup \{P\}$. This is, roughly, the theory of the expansion of models of $T$ by a generic unary predicate. Dolich, Miller and Steinhorn, in [3] and [4], continued this work in studying the notion of adding “generic” predicates to o-minimal theories.

In the context of arithmetic, the methods used in the above papers do not work as well. However, one can take a particular model $\mathcal{M} \models \text{PA}$ and consider the Chatzidakis-Pillay conditions on so-called “generic” subsets of $\mathcal{M}$. This line of inquiry was explored in [1], and we investigate this further here.

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1.1. **Background.** All models in this article are models of PA and their expansions. We use $\mathcal{M}$, $\mathcal{N}$, $\mathcal{K}$, etc. for models of PA, and $M$, $N$, $K$, etc. for their respective domains.

By convention, definability refers to definability with parameters. If a set is definable without parameters, then we say that it is 0-definable. Given a model $\mathcal{M} \models \text{PA}$ and $a \in M$, $\text{Scl}(a)$ denotes the Skolem closure of $a$; since PA has definable Skolem terms, this coincides with $\text{dcl}(a)$. For models of PA, we refer to Skolem closures rather than definable closures in the rest of this article for this reason; for expansions of models of PA which do not have definable Skolem terms, we continue to refer to definable closures.

The following two definitions appeared in [1].

**Definition 1.** A subset $X$ of $M$ is called CP-generic if whenever $D \subseteq M^n$ is definable using only $a \in M$ as a parameter and $I \subseteq \{1, \ldots, n\}$, if there are distinct $b_1, \ldots, b_n \in M$ such that each $b_i \notin \text{Scl}(a)$ and $\langle b_1, \ldots, b_n \rangle \in D$, then there is $\langle b_1, \ldots, b_n \rangle \in D$ such that $b_i \in X$ iff $i \in I$.

**Definition 2.** A subset $X$ of $M$ is neutral if for all $a$ in $M$, $\text{Scl}(a)$ coincides with $\text{dcl}(M, X)(a)$.

We define another notion of genericity in this paper.

**Definition 3.** A subset $X$ of $M$ is strongly CP-generic if whenever $D \subseteq M^n$ is definable and $I \subseteq \{1, \ldots, n\}$, if there is an infinite $B \subseteq D$ such that for all $\langle b_1, \ldots, b_n \rangle \neq \langle c_1, \ldots, c_n \rangle \in B$, $b_i \neq b_j$ for all $i \neq j$ and $\{b_1, \ldots, b_n\} \cap \{c_1, \ldots, c_n\} = \emptyset$, then there is $\langle b_1, \ldots, b_n \rangle \in D$ such that $b_i \in X$ iff $i \in I$.

Neutrality was explored in [1]. In this article we explore the relationship between CP-genericity and neutrality, answering, in particular, Problem 1.3 from [1] which asked if CP-generics are necessarily neutral. The relationship between CP-genericity and strong CP-genericity will be made clear in Section 2. Section 3 contains our main results. First, we show that CP-generics exist for all countable models, and moreover, that every countable, recursively saturated model of PA has a CP-generic which is not neutral, answering Problem 1.3 in [1] negatively. In fact, we show a complete failure of neutrality in some cases. We also show a construction of a neutral CP-generic. In Section 4, we examine some properties of CP-generics in comparison to properties exhibited by neutral sets. We end, in Section 5, with some open questions.
2. Strong CP-genericity

In [1], the notion of CP-genericity was introduced, but not explored. In this article, we introduce strong CP-genericity. The following results show that strong CP-genericity is equivalent to CP-genericity in the case of recursively saturated models.

Proposition 4. Let $\mathcal{M} \models \text{PA}$ and $X \subseteq M$.

1. If $X$ is strongly CP-generic, then $X$ is CP-generic.
2. If $\mathcal{M}$ is recursively saturated and $X$ is CP-generic, then $X$ is strongly CP-generic.

In general, the converse to (1) is not true. For example, if $\mathcal{M}$ is prime, then every subset $X \subseteq M$ is CP-generic, although every strong CP-generic is infinite.

Proof. Suppose $X$ is strongly CP-generic. Let $D \subseteq M^n$ be definable using parameter $a \in M$, and let $I \subseteq \{1, \ldots, n\}$. Assume there exist distinct $b_1, \ldots, b_n$ such that $b_i \not\in \text{Scl}(a)$ for each $i$ and $\langle b_1, \ldots, b_n \rangle \in D$. Then one can construct a $B$ as in Definition 3: choose the smallest tuple $\bar{b}_0 = \langle b_{0,1}, \ldots, b_{0,n} \rangle \in D$ where the $b_{0,i}$ are pairwise distinct, and inductively, if $\bar{b}_0, \ldots, \bar{b}_{m-1}$ have been chosen, choose $\bar{b}_m = \langle b_{m,1}, \ldots, b_{m,n} \rangle \in D$ such that $b_{m,i}$ are all pairwise distinct and all differ from the previously chosen $b_{j,k}$ ($j < m, 1 \leq k \leq n$). For each $m \in \omega$ and $1 \leq k \leq n$, $b_{m,k} \in \text{Scl}(a)$, and so at each finite stage there is a tuple distinct from those previously chosen. Therefore $B = \{\langle b_{m,1}, \ldots, b_{m,n} \rangle : m \in \omega\} \subseteq D$ satisfies the hypothesis for $B$ in Definition 3. By strong CP-genericity, then, there is $\langle b_1, \ldots, b_n \rangle \in D$ such that $b_i \in X$ if and only if $i \in I$.

Now assume $\mathcal{M}$ is recursively saturated and $X$ is CP-generic. Let $D \subseteq M^n$ be definable using parameter $c \in M$, and suppose it satisfies the hypothesis of Definition 3. Let $I \subseteq \{1, \ldots, n\}$. Consider the type

$$p(x_1, \ldots, x_n) = \{ \langle x_1, \ldots, x_n \rangle \in D \} \cup \{ x_i \neq x_j : 1 \leq i, j \leq n, i \neq j \} \cup \{ t_m(c) \neq x_i : 1 \leq i \leq n, m \in \omega \},$$

where the $t_m$ range over all unary $\mathcal{L}_{\text{PA}}$ Skolem terms (in some recursive enumeration of such Skolem terms). By assumption, there is an infinite $B \subseteq D$ such that for all distinct $\bar{b}, \bar{c} \in B$, the sets $\{b_1, \ldots, b_n\}$ and $\{c_1, \ldots, c_n\}$ are disjoint. This implies that $p(x_1, \ldots, x_n)$ is finitely satisfiable. If $\langle x_1, \ldots, x_n \rangle$ realizes $p$, then the $x_i$ are pairwise distinct and $x_i \not\in \text{Scl}(c)$ for each $i$, satisfying the hypothesis for CP-genericity. Then since $X$ is CP-generic, there are $\langle x_1, \ldots, x_n \rangle \in D$ such that $x_i \in X$ iff $i \in I$. \qed
3. Main Results

The goal of this section is to answer Problem 1.3 from [1]: if $X$ is CP-generic, must $X$ necessarily be neutral? We see in Theorem 11 that the answer is no; moreover, in Corollaries 12 and 13 that in fact, neutrality can fail badly in (strong) CP-generics. Lastly, we show in Corollary 17 that every countable model of $\text{PA}$ has neutral strong CP-generics.

Many of the proofs in this section use $\mathcal{M}$-Cohen generics, which we define as follows.

**Definition 5.** Let $\mathcal{M} \models \text{PA}$. Consider the notion of forcing in $(\mathcal{M}, \omega)$ whose conditions are functions $p : A \to \{0, 1\}$, where $A \subseteq M$ is finite. Define $p \sqsupset q$ if $q$ extends $p$. Let $G \subseteq M$ be generic for this notion of forcing. Then $X = \{a \in M : p(a) = 0 \text{ for some } p \in G\}$ is an $\mathcal{M}$-Cohen generic.

For a review of the terminology of arithmetic forcing, see [6, Chapter 6]. The usual forcing and truth lemmas hold; see [6, Lemma 6.2.6]. That is: forcing is definable in $(\mathcal{M}, \omega)$, and for any formula $\theta(x)$ in the expanded language and any $m \in M$, $(\mathcal{M}, \omega, X) \models \theta(m)$ if and only if there is $p \in G$ such that $(\mathcal{M}, \omega) \models (p \models \theta(m))$. In particular, $p \models m \in X$ iff $m \in \text{dom}(p)$ and $p(m) = 0$.

The reader should be cautioned here that for nonstandard $\mathcal{M}$, $\mathcal{M}$-Cohen generics are not the same as Cohen generics in the sense of [6, Chapter 6]. That is, given a model $\mathcal{M}$, Cohen forcing (in the sense of [6, Chapter 6]) is the notion of forcing whose conditions are definable functions $p : [0, m) \to \{0, 1\}$, for $m \in M$. If $G$ is generic for this forcing, then the set $X = \{a \in M : p(a) = 0 \text{ for some } p \in G\}$ is referred to as a Cohen generic.

**Lemma 6.** Every $\mathcal{M}$-Cohen generic is strongly CP-generic.

**Proof.** Let $p$ be a condition. Let $D \subseteq M^n$ be a definable set such that there is an infinite $B \subseteq D$ as in Definition 3. We show that for each $I \subseteq \{1, \ldots, n\}$, there is $q_I \geq p$ such that

$$q_I \models \exists x_1 \ldots \exists x_n([x_1, \ldots, x_n] \in D \land \bigwedge_{i \leq n}(x_i \in X \iff i \in I)).$$

Since $p : A \to \{0, 1\}$ is finite, there are $x_1, \ldots, x_n \notin A$ such that $\mathcal{M} \models [x_1, \ldots, x_n] \in D$. Take $A' = A \cup \{x_i : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ and $q_I = p \cup \{\langle x_i, 0 \rangle : i \in I\} \cup \{\langle x_i, 1 \rangle : i \notin I\}$.

If $X$ and $G$ are as in the definition of $\mathcal{M}$-Cohen genericity, then for each $D \subseteq M^n$ definable satisfying the hypothesis in Definition 3 and each $I \subseteq \{1, \ldots, n\}$, there is $q_I \in G$ satisfying (1). Therefore $X$ is strongly CP-generic. \qed
The following lemma can be proven using the standard proof that generics exist for countable models.

**Lemma 7.** If \( \mathcal{M} \) is countable, then \( \mathcal{M} \)-Cohen generics exist. \( \Box \)

In fact, if \( \mathcal{M} \) is uncountable, there are no \( \mathcal{M} \)-Cohen generics.

**Corollary 8.** For any countable \( \mathcal{M} \), there is \( X \subseteq M \) that is strongly CP-generic. \( \Box \)

**Lemma 9.** If \( \mathcal{M} \) is nonstandard and \( X, Y \subseteq M \) are such that \( X \setminus \omega = Y \setminus \omega \), then \( X \) is strongly CP-generic iff \( Y \) is.

**Proof.** Suppose \( X \) is strongly CP-generic. Let \( D \subseteq M^n \) and \( I \subseteq \{1, \ldots, n\} \) be such that there is an infinite \( B \subseteq D \) as in Definition 8. By overspill, there is \( c > \omega \) such that
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D' = \{ \langle x_1, \ldots, x_n \rangle : \mathcal{M} \models \langle x_1, \ldots, x_n \rangle \in D \land \bigwedge_{1 \leq i \leq n} x_i > c \}
\]
also has such an infinite subset \( B \). By strong CP-genericity applied to \( D' \), there is \( \langle b_1, \ldots, b_n \rangle \in D' \) such that \( b_i \in X \) iff \( i \in I \). Since each \( b_i > \omega \), it follows that \( b_i \in Y \) iff \( i \in I \). \( \Box \)

Note that in the standard model \( \mathbb{N} \), the \( \mathbb{N} \)-Cohen generics are exactly the Cohen generics in the sense of [6, Chapter 6]. By Lemma 6, every Cohen generic in the standard model is strongly CP-generic. The converse is false: there are strong CP-generics which are not Cohen generic. Moreover, for every countable \( \mathcal{M} \), there are strong CP-generics which are not \( \mathcal{M} \)-Cohen generic.

**Proposition 10.** For every countable \( \mathcal{M} \), there is a strong CP-generic \( X \subseteq \omega \) which is not \( \mathcal{M} \)-Cohen generic.

**Proof.** If \( \mathcal{M} \) is standard and \( X \) is Cohen generic, then there is \( n \in \omega \) such that \( [n, 2n] \subseteq X \). One confirms this by noticing that the set of conditions which force this is dense. However, one can routinely construct a strong CP-generic which avoids \( [n, 2n] \) as a subset for each \( n \).

If \( \mathcal{M} \) is nonstandard, then by Lemma 8, if \( X \) is strongly CP-generic, then \( X \setminus \omega \) is also strongly CP-generic. However, every \( \mathcal{M} \)-Cohen generic must nontrivially intersect \( \omega \). \( \Box \)

Next we answer Problem 1.3 from [1] in the negative.

**Theorem 11.** Let \( \mathcal{M} \) be any countable, non-prime model. Then there is \( X \subseteq M \) such that \( X \) is (strongly) CP-generic but not neutral.
Proof. We proceed by first constructing an $\mathcal{M}$-Cohen generic with the property that for all $a \neq b$, there is $n \in \omega$ such that $a + n \in X$ iff $b + n \not\in X$. Then, by Lemma 9 given any $a \not\in \text{Scl}(0)$, the set $X' = (X \setminus \omega) \cup \{2n + 1 : n \in \omega, a + n \in X\}$ is also strongly CP-generic, and we will see that $a$ is definable in $(\mathcal{M}, X')$.

To construct the $\mathcal{M}$-Cohen generic with the requisite property, enumerate the model as $(a_i : i \in \omega)$ and the dense definable sets in the $\mathcal{M}$-Cohen forcing in $(\mathcal{M}, \omega)$ as $(A_i : i \in \omega)$. At stage $2i$, meet $A_i$ with condition $p_{2i}$ (extending $p_{2i-1}$ if $i > 0$). At stage $2i + 1$, let $n \in \omega$ be the least such that $a_j + n \not\in \text{dom}(p_{2i})$ for each $j < i$, and extend $p_{2i}$ to $p_{2i+1}$ such that $p_{2i+1}(a_i + n) = 0$ and $p_{2i+1}(a_j + n) = 1$ for each $j < i$.

Let $X$ be the resulting $\mathcal{M}$-Cohen generic. Then for all $a \neq b$ nonstandard, there is $n \in \omega$ such that $a + n \in X \iff b + n \not\in X$.

To complete the proof, let $a \not\in \text{Scl}(0)$ and let $X' = (X \setminus \omega) \cup \{2n + 1 : a + n \in X\}$. By Lemma 9 $X'$ is strongly CP-generic. Moreover, notice that $\omega$ is 0-definable in $(\mathcal{M}, X)$ as

\[(2) \quad \{n : (\mathcal{M}, X) \models \forall i < n(2i \not\in X)\}.\]

To see this, let $J$ be the set of those $n$ satisfying $(2)$. By definition, $\omega \subseteq J$. If $c > \omega$, consider the set $D = \{(x_0, x_1) : \mathcal{M} \models x_0 < x_1 < c \land x_1 = 2 \cdot x_0\}$. Since $c$ is nonstandard, $D$ contains an infinite set $B$ such that if $\langle b_0, b_1 \rangle \neq \langle c_0, c_1 \rangle \in B$, then $b_0, b_1, c_0, c_1$ are all distinct. By strong CP-genericity, there is $\langle x_0, x_1 \rangle \in D$ such that $x_1 \in X$. Then, since $x_1$ is even, $c \not\in J$.

Lastly, $a$ is definable in $(\mathcal{M}, X')$ as $x = a$ iff

\[(\mathcal{M}, X') \models \forall n \in \omega(x + n \in X \iff 2n + 1 \in X)\].

We can further modify the above idea to show that there is a strong CP-generic $X \subseteq M$ such that every element of $\mathcal{M}$ is definable in $(\mathcal{M}, X)$. Instead of using the evens and odds, as we did above, take a partition of $\omega$ into countably many uniformly definable disjoint infinite sets $(I_j : j \in \omega)$. For example, let $I_j$ be the powers of the $j$-th prime. Then ensure $I_0 \cap X = \emptyset$, and for each $a_j \in M$, put the $n$-th element of $I_{j+1}$ in $X$ if and only if $a_j + n \in X$. In this way, we obtain the following corollary:

**Corollary 12.** Let $\mathcal{M}$ be countable. Then there is a strong CP-generic $X \subseteq M$ such that every element of $\mathcal{M}$ is definable in $(\mathcal{M}, X)$. \(\square\)

Note that if $\mathcal{M}$ is prime, every element of $\mathcal{M}$ is already definable, regardless of what $X \subseteq M$ is taken.

By another similar modification to the proof of Theorem 11 we find that for every countable $\mathcal{M}$ and $A \subseteq M$, there is a strong CP-generic
X ⊆ M such that A ∈ Def(M, X). Moreover, there is a kind of uniformity in defining these functions.

**Corollary 13.** There is a formula $\phi(x) \in \mathcal{L}_{PA} \cup \{X\}$ such that for any countable $\mathcal{M}$ and any subset $A \subseteq M$, there is a strong CP-generic $X$ such that $\phi$ defines $A$ in $(\mathcal{M}, X)$.

**Proof.** Let $\mathcal{M}$ and $A$ be given. The formula $\phi(x)$ (and the uniformity of it) will be clear as part of the construction of $X$.

In the standard model, one can routinely construct a Cohen generic $X$ such that $A ∈ \text{Def}(\mathbb{N}, X)$, similar to the proof of [6, Theorem 6.2.11]. Using Lemma 6, $X$ is also strongly CP-generic.

If $\mathcal{M}$ is nonstandard, we modify the construction in Theorem 11. Start by constructing a strong CP-generic $X$ with the property that for all $a \neq b$, there is $n ∈ \omega$ such that $a + n ∈ X$ iff $b + n \notin X$. Note that the following construction can be done for any nonstandard $\mathcal{M}$, while Theorem 11 only applies to non-prime models.

Fix an enumeration of $A$ in order type $\omega$ as $(a_n : n ∈ \omega)$. Partition $\omega$ into definable, disjoint, infinite sets $I_0, I_1, I_2, \ldots$. Define $X'$ as follows: for $c > \omega$, $c ∈ X$ iff $c ∈ X'$, so that $X'$ is strongly CP-generic by Lemma 9. For $n ∈ I_0$, ensure $n ∉ X'$ so that $\omega$ is definable (as above). For $n ∈ A \cap \omega$, put the $n$-th element of $I_1$ in $X'$. Then for $x ∈ A \setminus \omega$, if $x = a_n$, put the $m$-th element of $I_{n+2}$ in $X'$ if and only if $x + m ∈ X'$.

Now $A$ is definable in $(\mathcal{M}, X')$ as $x ∈ A$ if $x ∈ \omega$ and the $x$-th element of $I_1$ is in $X'$, or $x ∉ \omega$ and there is $n ∈ \omega$ such that for all $m ∈ \omega$, $x + m ∈ X'$ if and only if the $m$-th element of $I_{n+2}$ is in $X'$.

One checks that the definition of $A$ can be made uniform by noticing that there is a statement true in $(\mathcal{M}, X)$ (for all countable $\mathcal{M}$ and strong CP-generics constructed above) iff $\mathcal{M}$ is standard. □

**Corollary 14.** Every countable $\mathcal{M}$ has $2^{\aleph_0}$ distinct strongly CP-generic subsets. □

Conversely, there are neutral sets which are CP-generic. We again use $\mathcal{M}$-Cohen generics to establish this. As seen in Lemma 6, $\mathcal{M}$-Cohen generics are strongly CP-generic. Here we see that they are also neutral.

**Theorem 15.** For any countable $\mathcal{M}$, every $\mathcal{M}$-Cohen generic is neutral.

**Proof.** Let $X$ be an $\mathcal{M}$-Cohen generic and let $G$ be a corresponding generic set of conditions, so that $X = \{m : p(m) = 0 \text{ for some } p ∈ G\}$. By Lemma 6 it is strongly CP-generic.
We show that \( \text{dcl}(M,\omega,X) = \text{dcl}(M,\omega) \). By Kanovei [3], generalized in [6, Theorem 8.4.7], the dcl relation in \((M,\omega)\) is identical to that in \(M\), which shows that \(X\) is neutral. Before we show this, we first show a lemma about compatibility of conditions, which will be critical for various stages of our proof.

**Lemma 16.** Let \( \{X_i : i \in \omega\} \) be a family of infinite sets of conditions. If for all \( i, j \in \omega \) and \( p, q \in X_i \), \( |p| = |q| \), then there are \( i \neq j \in \omega \) with \( p \in X_i \), \( q \in X_j \), and \( p \neq q \) such that \( p \) and \( q \) are compatible.

Note that the \( X_i \) need not be pairwise distinct.

**Proof.** Let \( n \) be the cardinality of the domain of any condition in \((\text{any of the}) X_i\). We prove this by induction on \( n \).

If \( n = 0 \), there are no such \( X_i \), since there is only one condition of whose domain is empty (the empty condition). If \( n = 1 \), the Lemma holds by pigeonholing.

Inductively suppose the Lemma holds for all collections \( \{Y_j : j \in \omega\} \) such that \( |p| < n \) for each \( p \) in \((\text{any of the}) Y_j\). Fix \( p \in X_0 \). If \( p \) is not compatible with any \( q \neq p \) for all \( q \in \bigcup_{i \geq 1} X_i \), then there is \( a \in \text{dom}(p) \) such that there are infinitely many \( j \in \omega \), and infinitely many \( q \in X_j \) with \( a \in \text{dom}(q) \) but \( p(a) \neq q(a) \). Without loss of generality, assume \( p(a) = 0 \), so for all such \( q \), \( q(a) = 1 \).

For such a \( q \), define \( q^* \) as \( q \setminus \{\langle a,1 \rangle\} \). Let \( Y_j \) be the \( j \)-th set in the collection \( \{X_i : i \in \omega\} \) such that there are infinitely many \( q \) with \( q^*(a) = 1 \). Let \( Y_j^* = \{q^* : q \in Y_j, q(a) = 1\} \). Then \( \{Y_j^* : j \in \omega\} \) satisfies the inductive hypothesis, and so there are \( j_0 \) and \( j_0^* \), and \( q_0 \in Y_{j_0}^* \), \( q_1 \in Y_{j_1}^* \) such that \( q_0^* \) and \( q_1^* \) are compatible. Then \( q_0 = q_0^* \cup \langle a,1 \rangle \) and \( q_1 = q_1^* \cup \langle a,1 \rangle \) are also compatible. \( \square \)

Now we return to the proof that \( \text{dcl}(M,\omega,X) = \text{dcl}(M,\omega) \). Suppose \( a, b \in M \) are such that \( (M,\omega,X) \models \forall x(\phi(x,b) \leftrightarrow x = a) \) for some \( \phi \) in the expanded language. There is \( p \in G \) such that

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(M,\omega) \models p \models \forall x(\phi(x,b) \leftrightarrow x = a).
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Let \( p \) be such that it satisfies (3) and \( |p| \) is minimal. Let \( Y = \{ q : |q| = |p| \) and \( q \models \forall x(\phi(x,b) \leftrightarrow x = a) \} \). We consider the two cases of whether \( Y \) is finite or \( Y \) is infinite.

If \( Y \) is finite, then \( p \in \text{dcl}(M,\omega)(a,b) \). Since \( \omega \) is neutral, then \( p \in \text{Scl}(a,b) \), and so there are \( n \in \omega \), Skolem terms \( t_0, \ldots, t_{n-1} \), and \( \sigma : [0, n-1] \to \{0,1\} \) such that \( p(t_i(a,b)) = \sigma(i) \) for each \( i < n \). Let \( p(x) \) be the finite function defined by \( t_i(x,b) \mapsto \sigma(i) \) for \( 0 \leq i < n \), so that \( p = p(a) \). Now consider the set \( B = \{ c : (M,\omega) \models p(c) \} \)
∀x[(φ(x, b) ↔ x = c)]}. Clearly a ∈ B, and so if B is finite then a ∈ dcl^{(M, ω)}(b). If B is infinite, let Z = \{p(c) : c ∈ B\} and apply Lemma 16 to the collection \{X_i : i ∈ ω\} where each X_i = Z. We obtain compatible conditions p(c_1) \neq p(c_2) ∈ Z. But in (M, ω),
p(c_1) \cup p(c_2) \models ∀x[φ(x, b) ↔ x = c_1] ∧ ∀x[φ(x, b) ↔ x = c_2],
which is impossible.

If Y is infinite, for each c ∈ M let X_c = \{q : |q| = |p| and q \models [∀x(φ(x, b) ↔ x = c)]\}. If there are only finitely many c such that X_c is infinite, then a ∈ dcl^{(M, ω)}(b), so assume that there are infinitely many such c. Applying Lemma 16 there are c_1 \neq c_2 with p ∈ X_{c_1}, q ∈ X_{c_2} and p and q are compatible. But then p \cup q \models [∀x(φ(x, b) ↔ x = c_1)] ∧ [∀x(φ(x, b) ↔ x = c_2)], which is impossible.

Combining Lemma 6, Lemma 7, and Theorem 15, we obtain the following:

**Corollary 17.** Every countable M has a neutral, strong CP-generic.

4. Cuts and Classes

In every model M, the standard cut ω is neutral. This is not true in general for CP-generics, per the following result. In the following, an extension N ≺ M is called superminimal (see [6, Section 2.1.2]) if whenever b ∈ M \ N, then Scl(b) = M.

**Proposition 18.** For any M, the following are equivalent:

1. M has a bounded CP-generic subset X ⊆ M.
2. All sufficiently large b ∈ M generate M.
3. M is prime or is a superminimal elementary end extension of some N ≺ M.

One notes here that conditions (2) and (3) both imply that M is countable.

**Proof.** The implication (2) → (3) is clear from definitions. To show (2) → (3), suppose (2) holds. Let b ∈ M be such that Scl(b) = M. Let K be the set of those a ∈ M such that b \notin Scl(a). Then by (2), either K = ∅ or K is a proper cut of M. If K = ∅, then M = Scl(0). If K \neq ∅, then we claim that K is an elementary submodel of M, and M is a superminimal elementary end extension of K. To see this, suppose M \models ∃x(φ(x, a)), for some a ∈ K. Then there is c ∈ Scl(a) such that M \models φ(c, a). Then since Scl(c) ⊆ Scl(a) and b \notin Scl(a), it follows that
$b \not\in \text{Scl}(c)$ and so $c \in K$. Moreover, for any $a \in M \setminus K$, $\text{Scl}(a) = \mathcal{M}$, and so $\mathcal{M}$ is a superminimal extension of $\mathcal{K}$.

Next we show (1) $\implies$ (2). Suppose $X$ is bounded and is CP-generic. Let $b > X$. If $\text{Scl}(b) \neq \mathcal{M}$, then there is $x \notin \text{Scl}(b)$ such that $x > b$. Then by CP-genericity,

$$(\mathcal{M}, X) \models \exists x (x > b \land x \in X),$$

immediately contradicting the assertion that $X$ is bounded above by $b$.

Finally we show (3) $\implies$ (1). If $\mathcal{M}$ is prime, then every $X \subseteq M$ is CP-generic by definition. If $\mathcal{N} \prec \mathcal{M}$, and $\mathcal{M}$ is a superminimal elementary end extension of $\mathcal{N}$, then we build $X \subseteq N$ which is CP-generic in $\mathcal{M}$. To build $X$, we construct finite sets $A_i, B_i$, for each $i \in \omega$, such that the following hold:

(a) if $i < j \in \omega$, then $A_i \subseteq A_j$,
(b) for all $i \in \omega$, $A_i \cap B_i = \emptyset$,
(c) for all $i \in \omega$, $A_i \cup B_i \subseteq N$, and
(d) for every definable set $D \subseteq M^n$, $I \subseteq \{1, \ldots, n\}$, if $D$ satisfies the hypothesis of Definition 1 then there is $i < \omega$ and $\langle x_1, \ldots, x_n \rangle \in D \cap (A_i \cup B_i)$ such that for $1 \leq j \leq n$, $x_j \in A_i$ iff $j \in I$ and $x_j \in B_i$ iff $j \notin I$.

To begin the construction, let $A_0 = B_0 = \emptyset$. At stage $i + 1$, suppose $A_i$ and $B_i$ are defined and that we are considering a definable $D \subseteq M^n$ and $I \subseteq \{1, \ldots, n\}$ satisfying the hypothesis of Definition 1. By superminimality, if $D$ is definable from $a \in M \setminus N$, there is nothing to show, so assume $D$ is definable from parameter $a \in N$, and there are $b_1, \ldots, b_n \notin \text{Scl}(a)$ such that $\langle b_1, \ldots, b_n \rangle \in D$. Since $A_i$ and $B_i$ are finite, then let $\langle x_1, \ldots, x_n \rangle \in D$ be the smallest such that $x_j \notin A_i \cup B_i$ for any $1 \leq j \leq n$. Then notice that each $x_j \in \mathcal{N}$, as the tuple $\langle x_1, \ldots, x_n \rangle$ is definable from elements of $\mathcal{N}$. Let $A_{i+1} = A_i \cup \{x_j : j \in I\}$ and $B_{i+1} = B_i \cup \{x_j : j \notin I\}$.

As there are only countably many pairs $(D, I)$ where $D$ is definable, $D \subseteq M^n$ for some $n \in \omega$ and $I \subseteq \{1, \ldots, n\}$, each such $D$ and $I$ is handled at some stage $i \in \omega$, so (d) holds. Let $X = \bigcup_{i \in \omega} A_i$. Properties (a), (b), and (d) imply that $X$ is CP-generic, and property (c) implies that $X \subseteq N$ (and therefore is bounded).

This shows that, in recursively saturated models (or any model which is not finitely generated), no proper cut is CP-generic. Of course, the word "proper" can be omitted from the previous sentence, as one can verify that for any model $\mathcal{M}$, $M$ itself is not CP-generic.
focused on neutral classes and neutral inductive sets. A subset $X$ of a model $M$ is a class if for each $a \in M$, $\{x \in X : M \models x < a\}$ is definable in $M$. A subset $X$ of $M$ is inductive if $(M, X) \models \text{PA}^*$, i.e. the induction schema holds in $(M, X)$ for all formulas of the language of PA with a unary predicate symbol interpreted as $X$. All inductive sets are classes. [1, Corollary 3.3] states that no undefinable neutral set in a recursively saturated model is a class. It turns out that, in recursively saturated models, no CP-generic is a class either. In fact, we have more: no strong CP-generic is a class in a nonstandard model.

**Theorem 19.** Let $M$ be nonstandard. If $X \subseteq M$ is a class, then it is not strongly CP-generic.

*Proof.* Let $X$ be strongly CP-generic and $b > \omega$. Suppose $B = [0, b) \cap X$ is infinite. If not, replace $X$ with its complement, which is also strongly CP-generic by definition. If $X$ is a class, then $B$ is an infinite definable subset of $M$, and so by strong CP-genericity, there is $x \in B$ such that $x \notin X$. □

5. Open Questions

We close with some questions about CP-genericity. For the first question, we recall the notion of the substructure lattice of a model. Given a structure $M$, $\text{Lt}(M) = \{K : K \prec M\}$; see [6, Chapter 4] for basic definitions and results on substructure lattices.

**Question 1.** Let $M$ be a countable, recursively saturated model of PA. For which subsemilattices $L$ of $\text{Lt}(M)$ is it the case that there is a (strong) CP-generic $X$ such that the elementary substructures of $(M, X)$ are exactly expansions of the $N \prec M$ such that $N \in L$?

Theorem [19] asserts that strong CP-generic subsets of nonstandard models are not classes. In particular, this means that no CP-generic subset of a recursively saturated model is a class. In a similar vein to the ideas studied about neutrality in [1], we ask here if sets which are CP-generic (but not strongly CP-generic) can ever be classes in a nonstandard model.

**Question 2.** For which $M$ is there $X \subseteq M$ such that $X$ is a CP-generic class?

**Question 3.** Let $M \models \text{PA}$ and $X \subseteq M$ strongly CP-generic. Is there always a proper $(N, Y) \prec (M, X)$ such that $Y$ is strongly CP-generic? Under what conditions on $(M, X)$ can we always find such an $(N, Y)$?
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