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\mathbb{P}_{max} variations and ccc structures.

\mathbb{P}_{max} was introduced by W. Hugh Woodin. This is a strong tool to deal with structures of size \aleph_1 , e.g. Suslin trees. In fact, Larson, Shelah–Zapletal, and Woodin himself (and so on) have investigated several structures of size \aleph_1 in extensions by suitable \mathbb{P}_{max} variations. The main observation of these studies is a \mathbb{P}_{max} -iteration of a iterable pair.

We talk on constructions of \mathbb{P}_{max} -iterations keeping or destroying given ccc structures of size \aleph_1 . The following is one of our constructions: Suppose \diamond , and that (M, I) is an iterable pair, \mathbb{P} and \mathbb{Q} are member of M which are ccc partial order of size \aleph_1 in M such that $\mathbb{P} \times a(\mathbb{Q})$ is also ccc in M , where $a(\mathbb{Q})$ is a p.o. adding an antichain by finite approximations. Then there exists an iteration j of (M, I) of length ω_1 such that $j(\mathbb{P})$ is still ccc and there exists a $(j[M], a(j(\mathbb{Q})))$ -generic filter.

This study may introduce interesting consistency results by some suitable \mathbb{P}_{max} variations. We explain one application of \mathbb{P}_{max} variations of destructible gaps, which is an analogy of the result due to Todorćević. (Received January 22, 2007)