

The Independence of Choice

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Our goal is to create a forcing-like construction so that starting with a model of ZFC, we can create a model of $\text{ZF} + \neg\text{C}$. Standard forcing is a bit too rigid, as we have seen that it preserves choice. We begin by changing perspectives on the forcing construction.

1 Forcing via Boolean Algebras

1.1 Boolean Valued Models

Definition 1. A Boolean algebra is a 6-tuple $\langle B, +, \cdot, -, 0, 1 \rangle$ where B is a set, $+$, \cdot are binary operation and $-$ is a unary operation s.t. $\forall a, b, c \in B$

- B1. $a + (b + c) = (a + b) + c$ and $a \cdot (b \cdot c) = (a \cdot b) \cdot c$
- B2. $a + b = b + a$ and $a \cdot b = b \cdot a$
- B3. $a + (b \cdot c) = (a + b) \cdot (a + c)$ and $a \cdot (b + c) = (a \cdot b) + (a \cdot c)$
- B4. $a + a = a$ and $a \cdot a = a$
- B5. $-(a + b) = (-a) \cdot (-b)$ and $-(a \cdot b) = (-a) + (-b)$
- B6. $a + (-a) = 1$ and $a \cdot (-a) = 0$
- B7. $-(-a) = a$

We say that $a \leq b$ iff $a = b \cdot a$ (iff $a + b = b$). This is a partial order. We also define the binary operation \rightarrow by $a \rightarrow b = -a + b$.

Definition 2. A Boolean algebra B is complete iff every subset of B has a supremum and infimum with respect to \leq . For $A \subseteq B$, we then can define $\sum \{a : a \in A\} = \sup(A)$ and $\prod \{a : a \in A\} = \inf(A)$.

For the following, let M be a model of ZFC and $B \in M$ be a fixed complete (wrt M) Boolean algebra. We will work inside of M for the rest of this section.

Definition 3. We define a class M^B , a Boolean valued model, recursively:

- $M_0^B = \emptyset$
- $M_{\alpha+1}^B = \{x : x \text{ is a function } \wedge \text{dom}(x) \subseteq M_\alpha^B \wedge \text{ran}(x) \subseteq B\}$
- $M_\delta^B = \bigcup_{\alpha < \delta} M_\alpha^B$ if $\text{lim}(\delta)$.

Finally we set $M^B = \bigcup_{\alpha \in \text{On}} M_\alpha^B$.

Lemma 1. *There is a natural embedding from M to M^B .*

Proof. We define $\hat{\cdot} : M \rightarrow M^B$ by recursion on \in .

- $\hat{\emptyset} = \emptyset$
- $\hat{x} = \{(\hat{y}, 1) : y \in x\}$

This map is clearly 1-1 and if $y \in x$, then $\hat{x}(\hat{y}) = 1$. □

Definition 4. For $x \in M^B$, let $\rho(x) = \min \{\alpha : x \in M_{\alpha+1}^B\}$.

Definition 5. For every formula $\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ with variables in M^B we will define its Boolean value, $\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket \in B$. We proceed recursively both by formula and by ρ :

- $\llbracket x \in y \rrbracket = \sum_{x \in \text{dom}(y)} (y(z) \cdot \llbracket z = x \rrbracket)$
- $\llbracket x = y \rrbracket = \prod_{z \in \text{dom}(x)} (x(z) \rightarrow \llbracket z \in y \rrbracket) \cdot \prod_{z \in \text{dom}(y)} (y(z) \rightarrow \llbracket z \in x \rrbracket)$
- $\llbracket \neg \varphi \rrbracket = - \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket$
- $\llbracket \varphi \wedge \psi \rrbracket = \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket \cdot \llbracket \psi \rrbracket$
- $\llbracket \varphi \vee \psi \rrbracket = \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket + \llbracket \psi \rrbracket$
- $\llbracket \forall x \varphi \rrbracket = \prod \{ \llbracket \varphi(x) \rrbracket : x \in M^B \}$
- $\llbracket \exists x \varphi \rrbracket = \sum \{ \llbracket \varphi(x) \rrbracket : x \in M^B \}$

Lemma 2. *The following are true:*

- $\llbracket x = x \rrbracket = 1$
- $x(y) \leq \llbracket y \in x \rrbracket$
- $\llbracket x = y \rrbracket = \llbracket y = x \rrbracket$
- $\llbracket x = y \rrbracket \cdot \llbracket y = x \rrbracket \leq \llbracket x = z \rrbracket$
- $\llbracket x = x_1 \rrbracket \cdot \llbracket x \in y \rrbracket \leq \llbracket x_1 \in y \rrbracket$
- $\llbracket x = x_1 \rrbracket \cdot \llbracket y \in x \rrbracket \leq \llbracket y \in x_1 \rrbracket$

Now let φ be a formula. Then

- $\llbracket x = y \rrbracket \cdot \llbracket \varphi(x) \rrbracket \leq \llbracket \varphi(y) \rrbracket$
- $\llbracket \exists y \in x \varphi(y) \rrbracket = \sum \{ (x(y) \cdot \llbracket \varphi(y) \rrbracket) : y \in \text{dom}(x) \}$
- $\llbracket \forall y \in x \varphi(y) \rrbracket = \prod \{ (x(y) \rightarrow \llbracket \varphi(y) \rrbracket) : y \in \text{dom}(x) \}$

Definition 6. Let φ be a formula with variables in M^B . Then φ is valid in M^B iff $\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket = 1$.

Theorem 1 (Fundamental Theorem of Boolean-Valued Models). *The following are true:*

1. *Every axiom of predicate logic is valid in M^B . The rules of inference of the predicate logic, if applied to formulas valid in M^B result in formulas valid in M^B .*
2. *Every axiom of ZFC is valid in M^B . Consequently, every provable statement in ZFC is valid in M^B .*

1.2 Generic Extensions

Definition 7. A subset $A \subseteq B$ is called a partition of B if $\sum\{a : a \in A\} = 1$ and $a \cdot a' = 0$ for all $a \neq a'$ in A .

Definition 8. A set $U \subseteq B$ is an ultrafilter on B if

- U1. $0 \notin U$ and $U \neq \emptyset$
- U1. If $a, b \in U$, then $a \cdot b \in U$
- U3. If $a \in U$ and $b \geq a$, then $b \in U$
- U4. For all $a \in B$, either $a \in U$ or $-a \in U$

Definition 9. A set $G \subseteq B$, G not necessarily in M , is an M -generic ultrafilter on B if

- G1. G is an ultrafilter on B , and
- G2. If $A \subseteq G$ and $A \in M$, then $\prod\{a : a \in A\} \in G$, or
- G2'. If $A \in M$ is a partition of B , then there is a unique $a \in A$ so that $a \in G$.

Fix an M -generic ultrafilter G on B .

Definition 10. We define the interpretation map, $i_G : M^B \rightarrow V$, of M^B by G recursively on $\rho(x)$:

- $i_G(\emptyset) = \emptyset$
- $i_G(x) = \{i_G(y) : x(y) \in G\}$.

The generic extension of M by G is the range of i_G . $M[G] = \{i_G(x) : x \in M^B\}$.

We will simply write i_G as i since there is no chance for confusion.

Lemma 3. For each $x \in M$, $i(\hat{x}) = x$. So $M \subseteq M[G]$. Also $G \in M[G]$.

Proof. We proceed by induction of \in . $i(\emptyset) = \emptyset$. Also, if $i(\hat{y}) = y$ for all $y \in x$, then as $\text{dom}(\hat{x}) = \{\hat{y} : y \in x\}$,

$$i(\hat{x}) = \{i(\hat{y}) : \hat{x}(\hat{y}) \in G\} = \{y : \hat{x}(\hat{y}) \in G\} = \{y : y \in x\} = x$$

We now define the canonical generic ultrafilter $\underline{G} \in M^B$ as follows. $\text{dom}(\underline{G}) = \{\hat{u} : u \in B\}$ and $\underline{G}(\hat{a}) = a$ for all $a \in B$. Then

$$i(\underline{G}) = \{i(x) : \underline{G}(x) \in G\} = \{i(\hat{x}) : \underline{G}(\hat{x}) \in G\} = \{x : \underline{G}(\hat{x}) \in G\} = \{x : x \in G\} = G$$

This completes the proof. □

Definition 11. If $x \in M[G]$, we say that $\underline{x} \in M^B$ is a name for x if $i(\underline{x}) = x$.

Lemma 4. If $\underline{x}, \underline{y}$ are names for x, y , then $x \in y$ iff $\llbracket \underline{x} \in \underline{y} \rrbracket \in G$ and $x = y$ iff $\llbracket \underline{x} = \underline{y} \rrbracket \in G$.

Proof. We proceed by induction on $(\rho(x), \rho(y))$, proving both claims simultaneously.

Suppose that $\llbracket \underline{x} \in \underline{y} \rrbracket \in G$. Then

$$\sum \{y(z) \cdot \llbracket z = \underline{x} \rrbracket : z \in \text{dom}(\underline{y})\} \in G$$

Then as G is generic, there is a $z \in \text{dom}(\underline{y})$ such that $y(z) \cdot \llbracket z = \underline{x} \rrbracket \in G$. Thus $\underline{y}(z) \in G$ and $\llbracket z = \underline{x} \rrbracket \in G$. Hence $i(z) \in i(\underline{y}) = y$. Now by induction, as z is name for $i(z)$ and \underline{x} is a name for x , $i(z) = x$. So $x \in y$. Conversely suppose that $x \in y$. Then by definition,

$$\llbracket \underline{x} \in \underline{y} \rrbracket = \sum \{y(z) \cdot \llbracket z = \underline{x} \rrbracket : z \in \text{dom}(\underline{y})\}$$

So it suffices to show that for some $z \in \text{dom}(\underline{y})$, that $\underline{y}(z) \cdot \llbracket z = \underline{x} \rrbracket \in G$. As $x \in y$, $i(\underline{x}) \in i(\underline{y})$. So there is some z with $\underline{y}(z) \in G$ so that $i(\underline{x}) = i(z)$. By induction, $\llbracket z = \underline{x} \rrbracket \in G$. We are done as G is generic.

The $x = y$ iff $\llbracket \underline{x} = \underline{y} \rrbracket \in G$ part is proved similarly. \square

Theorem 2. Let φ be a formula. If $\underline{x}_1, \dots, \underline{x}_n$ are names for $x_1, \dots, x_n \in M[G]$, then

$$M[G] \models \varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n) \iff \llbracket \varphi(\underline{x}_1, \dots, \underline{x}_n) \rrbracket \in G$$

Proof. We proceed by induction on the complexity of φ . The previous lemma covers the base cases. Say $\varphi = \psi \wedge \rho$. Then

$$M[G] \models \varphi \iff M[G] \models \psi \wedge M[G] \models \rho \iff \llbracket \psi \rrbracket, \llbracket \rho \rrbracket \in G \iff \llbracket \psi \rrbracket \cdot \llbracket \rho \rrbracket \in G \iff \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket \in G$$

Say $\varphi = \neg\psi$. Then

$$M[G] \models \varphi \iff \neg(M[G] \models \psi) \iff \neg(\llbracket \psi \rrbracket \in G) \iff -\llbracket \psi \rrbracket \in G \iff \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket \in G$$

Finally suppose that $\varphi = \exists x \psi$. Then $\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket \in G$ iff $\sum \{\llbracket \psi(x) \rrbracket : x \in M^B\} \in G$. This is true iff there is an $x \in M^B$ so that $\llbracket \psi(x) \rrbracket \in G$. By induction, there is an x so that $\llbracket \psi(x) \rrbracket \in G$ iff there is an x so that $M[G] \models \psi(x)$. But there is an x such that $M[G] \models \psi(x)$ iff $M[G] \models \varphi(x)$. \square

Corollary 1. $M[G]$ is a model of ZFC and $M[G]$ is the least model of ZFC extending M which contains G .

Proof. As we saw earlier that all the axioms of ZFC are valid in M^B , it follows that if φ is an axiom of ZFC, then $\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket \in G$ and so $M[G] \models \varphi$.

Now suppose that $M \subseteq N$, N is a model of ZF and $G \in N$. Then for all $\alpha \in M$, $M_\alpha^B \in N$ and $i_G \upharpoonright_{M_\alpha^B} \in N$. Then $M^B \subseteq N$ and $M[G] \subseteq N$. \square

1.3 The Relationship to Forcing via Partial Orders

Proposition 1. Let P be dense in $B \setminus \{0\}$. If G is a generic ultrafilter on B , then $G' = G \cap P$ is M -generic for P . Conversely, if G' is M -generic for P , then $G = \{u \in B : \exists p \in G' (p \leq u)\}$ is a generic ultrafilter on B .

Proof. First suppose that G is a generic ultrafilter on B . Suppose that $p \in G'$ and $q \in P$ with $p \leq q$. Then $q \in G$, so $q \in G'$. Let $p, q \in G'$. Then $p \cdot q \leq p, q$, and as P is dense, there is an $r \in P$ so that $r \leq p \cdot q$. So $p \parallel q$. Finally let $D \subseteq P$ be dense. We need to show that $D \cap G' \neq \emptyset$. Let $p \in G'$. We define a sequence p_α recursively. Let $p_0 \leq p$ so that $p_0 \in D$. Suppose p_α has been defined and $p_\alpha \in D$. If $p_\alpha \in G$, we are done. Otherwise, $-p_\alpha \in G$ and we let $p_{\alpha+1} \leq -p_\alpha$ be so that $p_{\alpha+1} \in D$. When δ is a limit we have that

$$\prod_{\alpha < \delta} \{-p_\alpha\} \in G$$

as $-p_\alpha \in G$ for each α and G is a generic ultrafilter. Let $p_\delta \in D$ with $p_\delta \leq \prod_{\alpha < \delta} \{-p_\alpha\}$. Now this process has to terminate before $\min\{|G|^+, |D|^+\}$, as otherwise we will deny either ultraness of G or the denseness of D . Thus if the process halts at α , $p_\alpha \in G \cap D$. So G' is M -generic for P .

Now suppose that G_1 is M -generic for P . Clearly, $0 \notin G$ and $G \neq \emptyset$. Let $u, v \in G$. Then there are $p, q \in G'$ so that $p \leq u$ and $q \leq v$. Then $\exists r \in G'$ so that $r \leq p, q$. So $r \leq u, v$ and thus $r \leq u \cdot v$. So $u \cdot v \in G$. Let $u \in G$ and $u \leq v$. Then there is a $p \in G'$ so that $p \leq u$. Thus $p \leq v$, so $v \in G$. Suppose that $u \in B$. Let $D = \{p \in P : p \leq u \wedge p \leq -u\}$. We claim that D is dense. Let $p \in P$. Then $p \cdot u \leq p, u$ and $p \cdot (-u) \leq p, -u$. Since $p \neq 0$, either $p \cdot u \neq 0$ or $p \cdot (-u) \neq 0$. WLOG say $p \cdot u \neq 0$. Then let $q \in P$ be such that $q \leq p \cdot u$. Thus $q \leq u$, so $q \in D$. So as G' is M -generic, there is a $p \in G' \cap D$. So either $u \in G$ or $-u \in G$. Finally let $A \subseteq B$ be a partition. Let

$$A' = \{p \in P : \exists a \in A' (p \leq a)\}$$

We claim that A' is dense. Let $p \in P$. Then as $\sum A = 1$, there is an $a \in A$ so that $p \cdot a \neq 0$. Let $q \in P$ be such that $q \leq p \cdot a$. Then $q \leq a$ and thus $q \in A'$. So A' is dense. Let $p \in G' \cap A'$. Then for some $a \in A$, $p \leq a$. This a is in $G \cap A$. \square

Corollary 2. *With G and G' as above, $M[G'] = M[G]$.*

Now let P be a partial order.

Definition 12. We can topologize P by considering the topology generated by the open sets

$$[p] = \{q \in P : q \leq p\}$$

Let $\text{RO}(P)$ be the collection of regularly open sets ($\overline{U}^\circ = U$) in this topology on P .

Lemma 5. $\langle \text{RO}(P), +, \cdot, -, \emptyset, P \rangle$ is a complete Boolean algebra, where $U+V = \overline{U \cup V}^\circ$, $U \cdot V = U \cap V$ and $-U = (P \setminus U)^\circ$.

Definition 13. We define an embedding $e : P \rightarrow \text{RO}(P)$ by $e(p) = \overline{[p]}^\circ$.

Lemma 6. *If $p \leq q$, then $e(p) \subseteq e(q)$. $p \parallel q$ iff $e(p) \cap e(q) \neq \emptyset$. $e''P$ is dense in $\text{RO}(P) \setminus \emptyset$.*

Proof. Suppose that $p \leq q$. Then $[p] \subseteq [q]$, so $e(p) \subseteq e(q)$.

Now suppose that $p \parallel q$. Then $\exists r \in P$ so that $r \leq p, q$, so by what we just showed, $[r] \subseteq [p], [q]$. So certainly $e(p) \cap e(q) \neq \emptyset$. Now suppose that $p \perp q$ and by way of contradiction suppose that $e(p) \cap e(q) \neq \emptyset$. Let $r \in e(p) \cap e(q)$. Then $[r] \subseteq \overline{[p]}, \overline{[q]}$. Thus there is an $s \leq r$ so that $s \in [p]$ and there is a $t \leq s$ so that $t \in [q]$. Then $t \leq p, q$.

Let $U \in \text{RO}(P)$ with $U \neq \emptyset$. Then we can find a p so that $[p] \subseteq U$. Then applying closures and interiors we get that $e(p) \subseteq U$ as U is regularly open. Then $e(P) \cap U = e(P)$, so $e(P) \leq U$. \square

Theorem 3. *If G is a generic ultrafilter on $\text{RO}(P)$, then $G_1 = e^{-1}(G)$ is M -generic for P . If $G_1 \subseteq P$ is M -generic for P , then $G = \{U \in \text{RO}(P) : \exists p \in G_1 (e(p) \leq U)\}$ is a generic ultrafilter.*

Corollary 3. *With G and G_1 as above, $M[G] = M[G_1]$.*

Proposition 2. *Let φ be a formula, $p \in P$ and $x_1, \dots, x_n \in M^{\text{RO}(P)}$. One can define \Vdash' by $p \Vdash' \varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ iff $e(p) \leq \llbracket \varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n) \rrbracket$. Then \Vdash' has all the properties of \Vdash^* . Conversely suppose that $P \subseteq B$ is dense. Then for $\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n \in M^P$, we can define a boolean value of a formula φ by*

$$\llbracket \varphi(\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n) \rrbracket' = \sum \{p \in P : p \Vdash' \varphi(\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n)\}$$

It can be shown that $p \Vdash' \varphi(\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n)$ iff $e(p) \leq \llbracket \varphi(\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n) \rrbracket'$ and that $\llbracket \cdot \rrbracket'$ has the same properties as $\llbracket \cdot \rrbracket$.

2 Symmetric Submodels

Let M be a model of ZFC and let $B \in M$ be a complete Boolean algebra with respect to M .

Definition 14. Let π be an automorphism of B . Then we can extend π to M^B recursively as follows:

- $\pi(\emptyset) = \emptyset$
- $\text{dom}(\pi(x)) = \pi''\text{dom}(x)$ and $\pi(x)(\pi(y)) = \pi(x(y))$

Note that π is 1-1 and $\pi(\hat{x}) = \hat{x}$ for all $x \in M$.

Proposition 3. $\pi : M^B \rightarrow M^B$ is 1-1 and $\pi(\hat{x}) = \hat{x}$ for all $x \in M$.

Lemma 7. Let $\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ be a formula with variables in M^B . Then

$$\llbracket \varphi(\pi(x_1), \dots, \pi(x_n)) \rrbracket = \pi(\llbracket \varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n) \rrbracket)$$

Proof. We proceed inductively. By definition and induction on $(\rho(x), \rho(y))$,

$$\begin{aligned} \llbracket \pi(x) \in \pi(y) \rrbracket &= \sum \{ \pi(y)(z) \cdot \llbracket z = \pi(x) \rrbracket : z \in \text{dom}(\pi(x)) \} \\ &= \sum \{ \pi(y)(\pi(z)) \cdot \llbracket \pi(z) = \pi(x) \rrbracket : z \in \text{dom}(x) \} \\ &= \sum \{ \pi(y(z)) \cdot \llbracket \pi(z) = \pi(x) \rrbracket : z \in \text{dom}(x) \} \\ &= \sum \{ \pi(y(z)) \cdot \pi(\llbracket z = x \rrbracket) : z \in \text{dom}(x) \} \\ &= \pi \left(\sum \{ y(z) \cdot \llbracket z = x \rrbracket : z \in \text{dom}(x) \} \right) = \pi(\llbracket x \in y \rrbracket) \end{aligned}$$

The case for $x = y$ follows similarly. Note that we again are simultaneously handling ε and $=$. The connectives also follow by an easy induction. For example:

$$\begin{aligned} \llbracket \varphi(\pi(x_1), \dots, \pi(x_n)) \vee \psi(\pi(x_1), \dots, \pi(x_n)) \rrbracket &= \llbracket \varphi(\pi(x_1), \dots, \pi(x_n)) \rrbracket + \llbracket \psi(\pi(x_1), \dots, \pi(x_n)) \rrbracket \\ &= \pi \llbracket \varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n) \rrbracket + \pi \llbracket \psi(x_1, \dots, x_n) \rrbracket \\ &= \pi(\llbracket \varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n) \rrbracket + \llbracket \psi(x_1, \dots, x_n) \rrbracket) \\ &= \pi \llbracket \varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n) \vee \psi(x_1, \dots, x_n) \rrbracket \end{aligned}$$

The quantifiers follow easily as well. □

Let \mathcal{G} be a group of automorphisms of B .

Definition 15. For each $x \in M^B$, let $\text{sym}_{\mathcal{G}}(x) = \{ \pi \in \mathcal{G} : \pi(x) = x \}$.

Proposition 4. For each $x \in M^B$, $\text{sym}_{\mathcal{G}}(x)$ is a subgroup of \mathcal{G} . Also, for each $x \in M$, $\text{sym}_{\mathcal{G}}(\hat{x}) = \mathcal{G}$.

Proposition 5. If $x \in M^B$ and $\pi \in \mathcal{G}$, then $\text{sym}_{\mathcal{G}}(\pi(x)) = \pi \text{sym}_{\mathcal{G}}(x) \pi^{-1}$.

Proof. Let $\tau \in \text{sym}_{\mathcal{G}}(x)$. Then

$$\pi \circ \tau \circ \pi^{-1}(\pi(x)) = \pi(\tau(x)) = \pi(x)$$

So $\tau \in \text{sym}_{\mathcal{G}}(\pi(x))$. Conversely, let $\tau \in \text{sym}_{\mathcal{G}}(\pi(x))$. Then $\pi^{-1} \circ \tau \circ \pi \in \text{sym}_{\mathcal{G}}(x)$ and

$$\pi \circ (\pi^{-1} \circ \tau \circ \pi) \circ \pi^{-1} = \tau$$

So $\tau \in \pi \text{sym}_{\mathcal{G}}(x) \pi^{-1}$. □

Definition 16. Let \mathcal{F} be a non-empty collection of subgroups of \mathcal{G} . We say that \mathcal{F} is a normal filter iff for all subgroup H, K of \mathcal{G} ,

- If $K \in \mathcal{F}$ and $K \subseteq H$, then $H \in \mathcal{F}$
- If $H, K \in \mathcal{F}$, then $H \cap K \in \mathcal{F}$
- If $\pi \in \mathcal{G}$ and $H \in \mathcal{F}$, then $\pi H \pi^{-1} \in \mathcal{F}$

Fix a normal filter \mathcal{F} for \mathcal{G} .

Definition 17. We say that $x \in M^B$ is symmetric if $\text{sym}_{\mathcal{G}}(x) \in \mathcal{F}$. We define the class $\text{HS} \subseteq M^B$ of hereditarily symmetric names by recursion:

- $\emptyset \in \text{HS}$
- If $\text{dom}(x) \subseteq \text{HS}$ and x is symmetric, then $x \in \text{HS}$.

Note that by the above proposition we have that for each $x \in M$, $\hat{x} \in \text{HS}$.

Proposition 6. If $x \in \text{HS}$ and $\pi \in \mathcal{G}$, then $\pi(x) \in \text{HS}$.

Proof. The fact that $\text{dom}(\pi(x)) \subseteq \text{HS}$ follows by induction on $\rho(x)$. Now if x is symmetric, then $\text{sym}_{\mathcal{G}}(x) \in \mathcal{F}$, so $\pi \text{sym}_{\mathcal{G}}(x) \pi^{-1} \in \mathcal{F}$. \square

Let G be an M -generic ultrafilter of B and $i = i_G$.

Definition 18. Define $N = \{i(x) : x \in \text{HS}\}$. Note that $M \subseteq N \subseteq M[G]$.

We introduce an interesting way of showing a transitive class is a model of ZF, which we will apply to N .

Definition 19. A transitive class T is said to be almost universal iff $\forall x \subseteq T \exists y \in T (x \subseteq y)$. We also define the eight Godel operations:

- $F_1(x, y) = \{x, y\}$
- $F_2(x, y) = x \setminus y$
- $F_3(x, y) = x \times y$
- $F_4(x) = \text{dom}(x)$
- $F_5(x) = \in \cap x^2$
- $F_6(x) = \{(a, b, c) : (b, c, a) \in x\}$
- $F_7(x) = \{(a, b, c) : (c, b, a) \in x\}$
- $F_8(x) = \{(a, b, c) : (a, c, b) \in x\}$

Theorem 4. If a class T is transitive, almost universal and closed under the Godel operations, then T is a model of ZF.

Theorem 5. N is a model of ZF.

Proof. First note that N is transitive, as if $x \in \text{HS}$ then $\text{dom}(x) \subseteq \text{HS}$. Now let $x, y \in M^B$. Then we can define $z_i \in M^B$ so that $\llbracket z_i = F_i(x, y) \rrbracket = 1$, $\text{sym}_{\mathcal{G}}(x) \cap \text{sym}_{\mathcal{G}}(y) \subseteq \text{sym}_{\mathcal{G}}(z_i)$ and $z_i \in \text{HS}$ when $x, y \in \text{HS}$. The definitions are as follows:

$\text{dom}(z_1) = \{x, y\}$ and $\text{ran}(z_1) = 1$	$\text{dom}(z_2) = \{a : a \in x \setminus y\}$ and $\text{ran}(z_2) = 1$
$\text{dom}(z_3) = \{a \times b : a \in x \wedge b \in y\}$ and $\text{ran}(z_3) = 1$	$\text{dom}(z_4) = \{a : \exists b((a, b) \in x)\}$ and $\text{ran}(z_4) = 1$
$\text{dom}(z_5) = \{a \times b : a, b \in x \wedge a \in b\}$ and $\text{ran}(z_5) = 1$	$\text{dom}(z_6) = \{a \times b \times c : (b, c, a) \in x\}$ and $\text{ran}(z_6) = 1$
$\text{dom}(z_7) = \{a \times b \times c : (c, b, a) \in x\}$ and $\text{ran}(z_7) = 1$	$\text{dom}(z_8) = \{a \times b \times c : (a, c, b) \in x\}$ and $\text{ran}(z_8) = 1$

Now let $\underline{x}, \underline{y} \in \text{HS}$ be names for x, y . Then $z_k \in \text{HS}$ and $i(z_k) = i(F_k(\underline{x}, \underline{y}))$ (or drop the \underline{y} as necessary). Thus we have that N is closed under the Godel operations. Finally we will show that N is almost universal. Note that if X is a subset of N , then $X \subseteq i''(\text{HS} \cap M_{\alpha}^B)$ for some α . So it suffices to show that each $Y = i''(\text{HS} \cap M_{\alpha}^B)$ is in N . We define \underline{Y} as follows: $\text{dom}(\underline{Y}) = \text{HS} \cap M_{\alpha}^B$ and $\text{ran}(\underline{Y}) = 1$. Then \underline{Y} is a name for Y , so we just need to show that $\underline{Y} \in \text{HS}$. Now $\text{dom}(\underline{Y}) \subseteq \text{HS}$, so we simply need to check that \underline{Y} is symmetric. If $x \in M_{\alpha}^B$, then $\pi(x) \in M_{\alpha}^B$ as π preserves rank. Therefore $\pi''(\text{HS} \cap M_{\alpha}^B) = \text{HS} \cap M_{\alpha}^B$. So $\pi(\underline{Y}) = \underline{Y}$ for all $\pi \in \mathcal{G}$. \square

3 The Basic Cohen Model

Let $P = \text{FN}(\omega \times \omega, 2)$ and let $B = \text{RO}(P)$. Let G be an M -generic ultrafilter on B .

Definition 20. For each $n \in \omega$ let $x_n = \{m \in \omega : \exists p(e(p) \in G \wedge p(n, m) = 1)\}$. Let $A = \{x_n : n \in \omega\}$. These objects have canonical names: for all $n, m \in \omega$

$$\underline{x_n}(\hat{m}) = u_{n,m} = \sum \{p \in P : p(n, m) = 1\}$$

whereas $\text{dom}(\underline{A}) = \{\underline{x_n} : n \in \omega\}$ and $\text{ran}(\underline{A}) = 1$.

Lemma 8. Let $\pi \in S_\infty$. Then π induces an order-preserving bijection of P . Furthermore, this induces an automorphism of B

Proof. We define π on P as follows. Let $p \in P$. Then $\text{dom}(\pi(p)) = \{(\pi(n), m) : (n, m) \in \text{dom}(p)\}$ and $\pi(p)(\pi(n), m) = p(n, m)$. This is clearly a bijection as π was and is easily order preserving. Now we define π on B . Let $u \in B$. Then $\pi(u) = \sum \{\pi(p) : p \leq u\}$. \square

Let \mathcal{G} be the group of automorphisms of B generated by permutations of ω .

Definition 21. For every $e \in \omega^{<\omega}$, let $\text{fix}(e) = \{\pi \in \mathcal{G} : \pi \upharpoonright_e = \text{id}_e\}$. Let \mathcal{F} be the filter generated by $\{\text{fix}(e) : e \in \omega^{<\omega}\}$.

Proposition 7. \mathcal{F} is a normal filter.

Proof. We simply need to check normality. It suffices to show normality for the filter base. Let $e \in \omega^{<\omega}$ and $\pi \in \mathcal{G}$. Let $\tau \in \text{fix}(\pi(e))$. Then $\tau \upharpoonright_{\pi(e)} = \text{id}_{\pi(e)}$. So $\pi^{-1}\tau\pi \upharpoonright_e = \text{id}_e$. Thus $\tau \in \pi \text{fix}(e) \pi^{-1}$. Therefore $\text{fix}(\pi(e)) \subseteq \pi \text{fix}(e) \pi^{-1}$ and thus $\pi \text{fix}(e) \pi^{-1} \in \mathcal{F}$. \square

Let N be the symmetric model generated by $B, G, \mathcal{G}, \mathcal{F}$.

Proposition 8. For all n , $\underline{x_n} \in \text{HS}$ and $\underline{A} \in \text{HS}$.

Proof. Suppose that $\pi \in \mathcal{G}$ and $n \in \omega$. Then for all m , $\pi(u_{n,m}) = u_{\pi(n),m}$, so $\pi(\underline{x_n}) = \underline{x_{\pi(n)}}$. Thus $\text{sym}_{\mathcal{G}}(\underline{x_n}) = \text{fix}\{n\} \in \mathcal{F}$. This suffices to show that $\underline{x_n} \in \text{HS}$ as $\text{dom}(\underline{x_n}) = \omega \subseteq \text{HS}$. It now follows that $\underline{A} \in \text{HS}$. \square

Theorem 6. In N , the set of all real numbers cannot be well-ordered.

Proof. We show that A cannot be well-ordered in N . First notice that the reals x_n are pairwise distinct. We will show that $\llbracket \underline{x_i} = \underline{x_j} \rrbracket = 0$ for $i \neq j$. Towards a contradiction, assume that there is a $p \in P$ such that $p \Vdash \underline{x_i} = \underline{x_j}$. Choose m least so that $(i, m), (j, m) \notin \text{dom}(p)$. Let $p \subseteq q$ be so that $q(i, m) = 1$ and $q(j, m) = 0$. Then $q \Vdash \hat{m} \in \underline{x_i}$ and $q \Vdash \hat{m} \notin \underline{x_j}$. So $q \Vdash \underline{x_i} \neq \underline{x_j}$. But $q \leq p$, so this is a contradiction.

We will now show that there is no bijection between ω and A . Towards a contradiction, suppose that f is such a function. Let $\underline{f} \in \text{HS}$ be a name for f . Then for some $p_0 \in G$, $p_0 \Vdash \underline{f} : \hat{\omega} \rightarrow \underline{A}$. Let $e \in \omega^{<\omega}$ be so that $\text{fix}(e) \subseteq \text{sym}_{\mathcal{G}}(\underline{f})$. Then there are $i \in \omega$, $p \leq p_0$ and $n \notin e$ so that $p \Vdash \underline{f}(\hat{i}) = \underline{x_n}$. Now let n' be least such that $n' \notin e$ and $(n', m) \notin \text{dom}(p)$ for any m . Let $\pi = (n, n') \in S_\infty$. Then $\pi(p)$ and p are compatible, $\pi \in \text{fix}(e)$ and $\pi(n) \neq n$. Thus $\pi(\underline{f}) = \underline{f}$. Now $\pi(p) \Vdash (\pi(\underline{f}))(\pi(\hat{i})) = \pi(\underline{x_n})$. Then $\pi(p) \Vdash (\underline{f})(\hat{i}) = \underline{x_{\pi(n)}}$. Set $q = p \cup \pi(p)$. Then

$$q \Vdash \underline{f}(\hat{i}) = \underline{x_n} \wedge (\underline{f})(\hat{i}) = \underline{x_{\pi(n)}}$$

and as $\pi(n) \neq n$, $\llbracket \underline{x_n} = \underline{x_{\pi(n)}} \rrbracket = 0$. Therefore q forces that f is not a function. But $q \leq p \leq p_0$, which is a contradiction. \square

Corollary 4. AC is independent of ZF .