# HIGH DIMENSIONAL ELLENTUCK SPACES AND INITIAL CHAINS IN THE TUKEY STRUCTURE OF NON-P-POINTS

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ABSTRACT. The generic ultrafilter  $\mathcal{G}_2$  forced by  $\mathcal{P}(\omega \times \omega)/(\text{Fin} \otimes \text{Fin})$  was recently proved to be neither maximum nor minimum in the Tukey order of ultrafilters ([1]), but it was left open where exactly in the Tukey order it lies. We prove that  $\mathcal{G}_2$  is in fact Tukey minimal over its projected Ramsey ultrafilter. Furthermore, we prove that for each  $k \geq 2$ , the collection of all nonprincipal ultrafilters Tukey reducible to the generic ultrafilter  $\mathcal{G}_k$  forced by  $\mathcal{P}(\omega^k)/\text{Fin}^{\otimes k}$ forms a chain of length k. Essential to the proof is the extraction of a dense subset  $\mathcal{E}_k$  from  $(\text{Fin}^{\otimes k})^+$  which we prove to be a topological Ramsey space. The spaces  $\mathcal{E}_k, k \geq 2$ , form a hierarchy of high dimensional Ellentuck spaces. New Ramsey-classification theorems for equivalence relations on fronts on  $\mathcal{E}_k$ are proved, extending the Pudlák-Rödl Theorem for fronts on the Ellentuck space, which are applied to find the Tukey structure below  $\mathcal{G}_k$ .

### 1. INTRODUCTION

The structure of the Tukey types of ultrafilters is a current focus of research in set theory and structural Ramsey theory; the interplay between the two areas has proven fruitful for each. This particular line of research began in [13], in which Todorcevic showed that selective ultrafilters are minimal in the Tukey order via an insightful application of the Pudlák-Rödl Theorem canonizing equivalence relations on barriers on the Ellentuck space. Soon after, new topological Ramsey spaces were constructed by Dobrinen and Todorcevic in [7] and [5], in which Ramsey-classification theorems for equivalence relations on fronts were proved and applied to find initial Tukey structures of the associated p-point ultrafilters which are decreasing chains of order-type  $\alpha + 1$  for each countable ordinal  $\alpha$ . Recent work of Dobrinen, Mijares, and Trujillo in [4] provided a template for constructing topological Ramsey spaces which have associated p-point ultrafilters with initial Tukey structures which are finite Boolean algebras, extending the work in [7].

This paper is the first to examine initial Tukey structures of non-p-points. Our work was motivated by [1], in which Blass, Dobrinen, and Raghavan studied the Tukey type of the generic ultrafilter  $\mathcal{G}_2$  forced by  $\mathcal{P}(\omega \times \omega)/\text{Fin} \otimes \text{Fin}$ . As this ultrafilter was known to be a Rudin-Keisler immediate successor of its projected selective ultrafilter (see Proposition 30 in [1]) and at the same time be neither a p-point nor a Fubini iterate of p-points, it became of interest to see where in the Tukey hierarchy this ultrafilter lies.

At this point, we review the definitions and background necessary to understand the motivation for the current project. Throughout, we consider ultrafilters to be

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partially ordered by reverse inclusion. Given two ultrafilters  $\mathcal{U}$  and  $\mathcal{V}$ , we say that  $\mathcal{V}$  is *Tukey reducible to*  $\mathcal{U}$ , and write  $\mathcal{V} \leq_T \mathcal{U}$ , if there is a function  $f: \mathcal{U} \to \mathcal{V}$  which maps each filter base of  $\mathcal{U}$  to a filter base of  $\mathcal{V}$ .  $\mathcal{U}$  and  $\mathcal{V}$  are *Tukey equivalent* if both  $\mathcal{U} \leq_T \mathcal{V}$  and  $\mathcal{V} \leq_T \mathcal{U}$ . In this case we write  $\mathcal{U} \equiv_T \mathcal{V}$ . The Tukey equivalence class of an ultrafilter  $\mathcal{U}$  is called its *Tukey type*. Given an ultrafilter  $\mathcal{U}$ , we use the terminology *initial Tukey structure below*  $\mathcal{U}$  to denote the structure (under Tukey reducibility) of the collection of Tukey types of all ultrafilters Tukey reducible to  $\mathcal{U}$ . For ultrafilters, Tukey equivalence is the same as cofinal equivalence.

The partial order  $([\mathfrak{c}]^{<\omega}, \subseteq)$  is the maximum Tukey type for all ultrafilters on a countable base set. In [10], Isbell asked whether there is always more than one Tukey type. The recent surge in activity began with [11] in which Milovich showed under  $\diamond$  that there can be more than one Tukey type. This was improved in [6], where it was shown that all p-points are strictly below the Tukey maximum. For more background on the Tukey theory of ultrafilters, the reader is referred to the survey article [3].

The paper [1] of Blass, Dobrinen, and Raghavan began the investigation of the Tukey theory of the generic ultrafilter  $\mathcal{G}_2$  forced by  $\mathcal{P}(\omega \times \omega)/\text{Fin} \otimes \text{Fin}$ , where  $\text{Fin} \otimes$  Fin denotes the collection of subsets of  $\omega \times \omega$  in which all but finitely many fibers are finite. The motivation for this study was the open problem of whether the classes of basically generated ultrafilters and countable iterates of Fubini products of p-points are the same class of ultrafilters. The notion of a *basically generated* ultrafilter was introduced by Todorcevic to extract the key property of Fubini iterates of p-points which make them strictly below ( $[\mathfrak{c}]^{<\omega}, \subseteq$ ), the top of the Tukey hierarchy. In Section 3 of [6], Dobrinen and Todorcevic showed that the class of basically generated ultrafilters contains all countable iterates of Fubini products of p-points. They then asked whether there is a basically generated ultrafilter which is not Tukey equivalent to some iterated Fubini product of p-points. This question is still open.

Since it is well-known that the generic ultrafilter  $\mathcal{G}_2$  is not a Fubini product of p-points, yet is a Rudin-Keisler immediate successor of its projected selective ultrafilter, Blass asked whether  $\mathcal{G}_2$  is Tukey maximum, and if not, then whether it is basically generated. In [1], Blass proved that  $\mathcal{G}_2$  is a weak p-point which has the best partition property that a non-p-point can have. Dobrinen and Raghavan independently proved that  $\mathcal{G}_2$  is not Tukey maximum, which was improved by Dobrinen in Theorem 49 in [1] by showing that  $(\mathcal{G}_2, \supseteq) \not\geq_T ([\omega_1]^{<\omega}, \subseteq)$ , thereby showing in a strong way that  $\mathcal{G}_2$  does not have the maximum Tukey type for ultrafilters on a countable base set. Answering the other question of Blass, Raghavan showed in Theorem 60 in [1] that  $\mathcal{G}_2$  is not basically generated. However, that paper left open the question of where exactly in the Tukey hierarchy  $\mathcal{G}_2$  lies, and what the structure of the Tukey types below it actually is.

In this paper, we prove that the initial Tukey structure below  $\mathcal{G}_2$  is exactly a chain of order-type 2. In particular,  $\mathcal{G}_2$  is the immediate Tukey successor of its projected selective ultrafilter. Extending this further, we investigate the initial Tukey structure of the generic ultrafilters forced by  $\mathcal{P}(\omega^k)/\operatorname{Fin}^{\otimes k}$ . Here,  $\operatorname{Fin}^{k+1}$  is defined recursively:  $\operatorname{Fin}^1$  denotes the collection of finite subsets of  $\omega$ ; for  $k \geq 1$ ,  $\operatorname{Fin}^{\otimes k+1}$  denotes the collection of subsets  $X \subseteq \omega^{k+1}$  such that for all but finitely many  $i_0 \in \omega$ , the set  $\{(i_0, j_1 \dots, j_k) \in \omega^{k+1} : j_1, \dots, j_k \in \omega\}$  is in  $\operatorname{Fin}^{\otimes k}$ . We prove in Theorem 40 that for all  $k \geq 2$ , the generic ultrafilter  $\mathcal{G}_k$  forced by  $\mathcal{P}(\omega^k)/\operatorname{Fin}^{\otimes k}$ .

has initial Tukey structure (of nonprincipal ultrafilters) exactly a chain of size k. We also show that the Rudin-Keisler structures below  $\mathcal{G}_k$  is exactly a chain of size k. Thus, the Tukey structure below  $\mathcal{G}_k$  mirrors the Rudin-Keisler structure below  $\mathcal{G}_k$ .

We remark that the structure of the spaces  $\mathcal{E}_k$  provide a clear way of understanding the partition relations satisfied by  $\mathcal{G}_k$ . In particular, our space  $\mathcal{E}_2$  provides an alternate method for proving Theorem 31 of [1], due to Blass, where it is shown that  $\mathcal{G}_2$  has the best partition properties that a non-p-point can have.

The paper is organized as follows. Section 2 provides some background on topological Ramsey spaces from Todorcevic's book [14]. The new topological Ramsey spaces  $\mathcal{E}_k, k \geq 2$ , are introduced in Section 3. These spaces are formed by thinning the forcing  $((\operatorname{Fin}^{\otimes k})^+, \subseteq^{\operatorname{Fin}^{\otimes k}})$ , which is forcing equivalent to  $\mathcal{P}(\omega^k)/\operatorname{Fin}^{\otimes k}$ , to a dense subset and judiciously choosing the finitization map so as to form a topological Ramsey space. Once formed, these spaces are seen to be high dimensional extensions of the Ellentuck space. The Ramsey-classification theorem generalizing the Pudlák-Rödl Theorem to all spaces  $\mathcal{E}_k, k \geq 2$  is proved in Theorem 33 of Section 4. Theorem 38 in Section 5 shows that any monotone cofinal map from the generic ultrafilter  $\mathcal{G}_k$  into some other ultrafilter is actually represented on a filter base by some monotone, end-extension preserving finitary map. This is the analogue of p-points having continuous cofinal maps for our current setting, and is sufficient for the arguments using canonical maps on fronts to find the initial Tukey structure below  $\mathcal{G}_k$ , which we do in Theorem 40 of Section 6.

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### 2. Basics of general topological Ramsey spaces

For the reader's convenience, we provide here a brief review of topological Ramsey spaces. Building on earlier work of Carlson and Simpson in [2], Todorcevic distilled the key properties of the Ellentuck space into four axioms, A.1 - A.4, which guarantee that a space is a topological Ramsey space. As several recent papers have been devoted to topological Ramsey spaces, related canonical equivalence relations on fronts and their applications to initial Tukey structures of associated ultrafilters (see [7], [5] and [4]), we reproduce here only information necessary to aiding the reader in understanding the proofs in this paper. For further background, we refer the reader to Chapter 5 of [14].

The axioms A.1 - A.4, are defined for triples  $(\mathcal{R}, \leq, r)$  of objects with the following properties.  $\mathcal{R}$  is a nonempty set,  $\leq$  is a quasi-ordering on  $\mathcal{R}$ , and r:  $\mathcal{R} \times \omega \to \mathcal{A}\mathcal{R}$  is a mapping giving us the sequence  $(r_n(\cdot) = r(\cdot, n))$  of approximation mappings, where  $\mathcal{A}\mathcal{R}$  is the collection of all finite approximations to members of  $\mathcal{R}$ . For  $a \in \mathcal{A}\mathcal{R}$  and  $A, B \in \mathcal{R}$ ,

(1) 
$$[a,B] = \{A \in \mathcal{R} : A \le B \text{ and } (\exists n) r_n(A) = a\}.$$

For  $a \in \mathcal{AR}$ , let |a| denote the length of the sequence a. Thus, |a| equals the integer k for which  $a = r_k(a)$ . For  $a, b \in \mathcal{AR}$ ,  $a \sqsubseteq b$  if and only if  $a = r_m(b)$  for some  $m \le |b|$ .  $a \sqsubset b$  if and only if  $a = r_m(b)$  for some m < |b|. For each  $n < \omega$ ,  $\mathcal{AR}_n = \{r_n(A) : A \in \mathcal{R}\}.$ 

**A.1** (a) 
$$r_0(A) = \emptyset$$
 for all  $A \in \mathcal{R}$ .

- (b)  $A \neq B$  implies  $r_n(A) \neq r_n(B)$  for some n.
- (c)  $r_n(A) = r_m(B)$  implies n = m and  $r_k(A) = r_k(B)$  for all k < n.

A.2 There is a quasi-ordering  $\leq_{\text{fin}}$  on  $\mathcal{AR}$  such that

- (a)  $\{a \in \mathcal{AR} : a \leq_{\text{fin}} b\}$  is finite for all  $b \in \mathcal{AR}$ ,
- (b)  $A \leq B$  iff  $(\forall n)(\exists m) r_n(A) \leq_{\text{fin}} r_m(B)$ ,
- (c)  $\forall a, b, c \in \mathcal{AR}[a \sqsubset b \land b \leq_{\text{fin}} c \to \exists d \sqsubset c \ a \leq_{\text{fin}} d].$

The number depth<sub>B</sub>(a) is the least n, if it exists, such that  $a \leq_{\text{fin}} r_n(B)$ . If such an n does not exist, then we write depth<sub>B</sub>(a) =  $\infty$ . If depth<sub>B</sub>(a) =  $n < \infty$ , then [depth<sub>B</sub>(a), B] denotes [ $r_n(B)$ , B].

- **A.3** (a) If depth<sub>B</sub>(a) <  $\infty$  then  $[a, A] \neq \emptyset$  for all  $A \in [depth_B(a), B]$ .
  - (b)  $A \leq B$  and  $[a, A] \neq \emptyset$  imply that there is  $A' \in [\operatorname{depth}_B(a), B]$  such that  $\emptyset \neq [a, A'] \subseteq [a, A]$ .

If n > |a|, then  $r_n[a, A]$  denotes the collection of all  $b \in \mathcal{AR}_n$  such that  $a \sqsubset b$ and  $b \leq_{\text{fin}} A$ .

**A.4** If depth<sub>B</sub>(a) <  $\infty$  and if  $\mathcal{O} \subseteq \mathcal{AR}_{|a|+1}$ , then there is  $A \in [\text{depth}_B(a), B]$ such that  $r_{|a|+1}[a, A] \subseteq \mathcal{O}$  or  $r_{|a|+1}[a, A] \subseteq \mathcal{O}^c$ .

The Ellentuck topology on  $\mathcal{R}$  is the topology generated by the basic open sets [a, B]; it extends the usual metrizable topology on  $\mathcal{R}$  when we consider  $\mathcal{R}$  as a subspace of the Tychonoff cube  $\mathcal{AR}^{\mathbb{N}}$ . Given the Ellentuck topology on  $\mathcal{R}$ , the notions of nowhere dense, and hence of meager are defined in the natural way. We say that a subset  $\mathcal{X}$  of  $\mathcal{R}$  has the property of Baire iff  $\mathcal{X} = \mathcal{O} \cap \mathcal{M}$  for some Ellentuck open set  $\mathcal{O} \subseteq \mathcal{R}$  and Ellentuck meager set  $\mathcal{M} \subseteq \mathcal{R}$ .

**Definition 1** ([14]). A subset  $\mathcal{X}$  of  $\mathcal{R}$  is *Ramsey* if for every  $\emptyset \neq [a, A]$ , there is a  $B \in [a, A]$  such that  $[a, B] \subseteq \mathcal{X}$  or  $[a, B] \cap \mathcal{X} = \emptyset$ .  $\mathcal{X} \subseteq \mathcal{R}$  is *Ramsey null* if for every  $\emptyset \neq [a, A]$ , there is a  $B \in [a, A]$  such that  $[a, B] \cap \mathcal{X} = \emptyset$ .

A triple  $(\mathcal{R}, \leq, r)$  is a *topological Ramsey space* if every subset of  $\mathcal{R}$  with the property of Baire is Ramsey and if every meager subset of  $\mathcal{R}$  is Ramsey null.

The following result can be found as Theorem 5.4 in [14].

**Theorem 2** (Abstract Ellentuck Theorem). If  $(\mathcal{R}, \leq, r)$  is closed (as a subspace of  $\mathcal{AR}^{\mathbb{N}}$ ) and satisfies axioms A.1, A.2, A.3, and A.4, then every subset of  $\mathcal{R}$  with the property of Baire is Ramsey, and every meager subset is Ramsey null; in other words, the triple  $(\mathcal{R}, \leq, r)$  forms a topological Ramsey space.

**Definition 3** ([14]). A family  $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \mathcal{AR}$  of finite approximations is

- (1) Nash-Williams if  $a \not\sqsubseteq b$  for all  $a \neq b \in \mathcal{F}$ ;
- (2) Ramsey if for every partition  $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{F}_0 \cup \mathcal{F}_1$  and every  $X \in \mathcal{R}$ , there are  $Y \leq X$  and  $i \in \{0, 1\}$  such that  $\mathcal{F}_i | Y = \emptyset$ .

The Abstract Nash-Williams Theorem (Theorem 5.17 in [14]), which follows from the Abstract Ellentuck Theorem, will suffice for the arguments in this paper.

**Theorem 4** (Abstract Nash-Williams Theorem). Suppose  $(\mathcal{R}, \leq, r)$  is a closed triple that satisfies A.1 - A.4. Then every Nash-Williams family of finite approximations is Ramsey.

**Definition 5.** Suppose  $(\mathcal{R}, \leq, r)$  is a closed triple that satisfies **A.1** - **A.4**. Let  $X \in \mathcal{R}$ . A family  $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \mathcal{AR}$  is a *front* on [0, X] if

- (1) For each  $Y \in [0, X]$ , there is an  $a \in \mathcal{F}$  such that  $a \sqsubset Y$ ; and
- (2)  $\mathcal{F}$  is Nash-Williams.

*Remark.* There is also a general notion of *barrier* for topological Ramsey spaces (see Definition 5.18 in [14]). Everything proved for the spaces  $\mathcal{E}_k$ ,  $k \geq 2$ , in this paper for fronts carries over to barriers, since given a front, there is a member of the space such that, relativized to that member, the front becomes a barrier. This follows from Corollary 5.19 in [14], since for each space  $\mathcal{E}_k$ , the quasi-order  $\leq_{\text{fin}}$  is actually a partial order. Rather than defining more notions than are necessary for the main results in this paper, we provide these references for the interested reader.

We finish this section by reminding the reader of the Pudlák-Rödl Theorem for canonical equivalence relations on fronts on the Ellentuck space.

**Definition 6.** Let  $([\omega]^{\omega}, \subseteq, r)$  be the Ellentuck space. A map  $\varphi$  on a front  $\mathcal{F} \subseteq [\omega]^{<\omega}$  is called

- (1) inner if for each  $a \in \mathcal{F}, \varphi(a) \subseteq a$ .
- (2) Nash-Williams if for all pairs  $a, b \in \mathcal{F}, \varphi(a) \not\sqsubset \varphi(b)$ .
- (3) *irreducible* if it is inner and Nash-Williams.

**Theorem 7** (Pudlák/Rödl, [12]). Let R be an equivalence relation on a front  $\mathcal{F}$ on the Ellentuck space. Then there is an irreducible map  $\varphi$  and an  $X \in [\omega]^{\omega}$  such that for all  $a, b \in \mathcal{F}$  with  $a, b \subseteq X$ ,

(2) 
$$a R b \iff \varphi(a) = \varphi(b).$$

This theorem has been generalized to new topological Ramsey spaces in the papers [7], [5], and [4]. In Section 4, we will extend it to the high dimensional Ellentuck spaces.

# 3. HIGH DIMENSIONAL ELLENTUCK SPACES

We present here a new hierarchy of topological Ramsey spaces which generalize the Ellentuck space in a natural manner. Recall that the *Ellentuck space* is the triple  $([\omega]^{\omega}, \subseteq, r)$ , where the finitzation map r is defined as follows: for each  $X \in [\omega]^{\omega}$  and  $n < \omega, r(n, X)$  is the set of the least n elements of X. We shall let  $\mathcal{E}_1$  denote the Ellentuck space. It was proved by Ellentuck in [8] that  $\mathcal{E}_1$  is a topological Ramsey space. We point out that the members of  $\mathcal{E}_1$  can be identified with the subsets of  $[\omega]^1$  of (lexicographical) order-type  $\omega$ .

The first of our new spaces,  $\mathcal{E}_2$ , was motivated by the problem of finding the structure of the Tukey types of ultrafilters Tukey reducible to the generic ultrafilter forced by  $\mathcal{P}(\omega^2)/\operatorname{Fin}^{\otimes 2}$ , denoted by  $\mathcal{G}_2$ . In [1], it was proved that  $\mathcal{G}_2$  is neither maximum nor minimum in Tukey types of nonprincipal ultrafilters. However, this left open the question of what exactly is the structure of the Tukey types of ultrafilters Tukey reducible to  $\mathcal{G}_2$ . To answer this question (which we do in Theorem 40), the first step is to construct the second order Ellentuck space  $\mathcal{E}_2$ , which comprises a dense subset of  $((\operatorname{Fin}^{\otimes 2})^+, \subseteq^{\operatorname{Fin}^{\otimes 2}})$ . Since  $\mathcal{P}(\omega^2)/\operatorname{Fin}^{\otimes 2}$  is forcing equivalent to  $((\operatorname{Fin}^{\otimes 2})^+, \subseteq^{\operatorname{Fin}^{\otimes 2}})$ , each generic ultrafilter for  $(\mathcal{E}_2, \subseteq^{\operatorname{Fin}^{\otimes 2}})$  is generic for  $\mathcal{P}(\omega^2)/\operatorname{Fin}^{\otimes 2}$ , and vice versa. The Ramsey theory available to us through  $\mathcal{E}_2$  will aid in finding the initial Tukey structure below  $\mathcal{G}_2$ .

Our construction of  $\mathcal{E}_2$  can be generalized to find topological Ramsey spaces which are forcing equivalent to the partial orders  $\mathcal{P}(\omega^k)/\operatorname{Fin}^{\otimes k}$ , for each  $k \geq 2$ . Each space  $\mathcal{E}_k$  is composed of members which are subsets of  $[\omega]^k$  which, when ordered lexicographically, are seen to have order type exactly the countable ordinal  $\omega^k$ . For each  $k \geq 1$ , the members of  $\mathcal{E}_{k+1}$  look like  $\omega$  many copies of the members of  $\mathcal{E}_k$ . These spaces will provide the structure needed to crystalize the initial Tukey structure below the ultrafilters forced by  $\mathcal{P}(\omega^k)/\operatorname{Fin}^{\otimes k}$ , for each  $k \geq 2$  (see Theorem 40).

We now begin the process of defining the new class of spaces  $\mathcal{E}_k$ . We start by defining a well-ordering on non-decreasing sequences of members of  $\omega$  which forms the backbone for the structure of the members in the spaces. The explanation of why this structure was chosen, and indeed is needed, will follow Definition 10.

**Definition 8** (The well-ordered set  $(\omega^{\not{k} \leq k}, \prec)$ ). Let  $k \geq 2$ , and let  $\omega^{\not{k} \leq k}$  denote the collection of all non-decreasing sequences of members of  $\omega$  of length less than or equal to k. Let  $<_{\text{lex}}$  denote the lexicographic ordering on  $\omega^{\not{k} \leq k}$ , where we also consider any proper initial segment of a sequence to be lexicographically below that sequence. Define a well-ordering  $\prec$  on  $\omega^{\not{k} \leq k}$  as follows. First, we set the empty sequence () to be the  $\prec$ -minimum element; so for all nonempty sequences  $\vec{j}$  in  $\omega^{\not{k} \leq k}$ , we have  $() \prec \vec{j}$ . In general, given  $(j_0, \ldots, j_{p-1})$  and  $(l_0, \ldots, l_{q-1})$  in  $\omega^{\not{k} \leq k}$ with  $p, q \geq 1$ , define  $(j_0, \ldots, j_{p-1}) \prec (l_0, \ldots, l_{q-1})$  if and only if either

- (1)  $j_{p-1} < l_{q-1}$ , or
- (2)  $j_{p-1} = l_{q-1}$  and  $(j_0, \dots, j_{p-1}) <_{\text{lex}} (l_0, \dots, l_{q-1}).$

Since  $\prec$  well-orders  $\omega^{\ell \leq k}$  in order-type  $\omega$ , we fix the notation of letting  $\vec{j}_m$  denote the *m*-th member of  $(\omega^{\ell \leq k}, \prec)$ . For  $\vec{l} \in \omega^{\ell \leq k}$ , we let  $m_{\vec{l}} \in \omega$  denote the *m* such that  $\vec{l} = \vec{j}_m$ . In particular,  $\vec{j}_0 = ()$  and  $m_{()} = 0$ .

Let  $\omega^{\not k}$  denote the collection of all non-decreasing sequences of length k of members of  $\omega$ . Note that  $\prec$  also well-orders  $\omega^{\not k}$  in order type  $\omega$ . Fix the notation of letting  $\vec{i}_n$  denote the *n*-th member of  $(\omega^{\not k}, \prec)$ .

We now define the top member  $\mathbb{W}_k$  of the space  $\mathcal{E}_k$ . This set  $\mathbb{W}_k$  is the prototype for all members of  $\mathcal{E}_k$  in the sense that every member of  $\mathcal{E}_k$  will be a subset of  $\mathbb{W}_k$ which has the same structure as  $\mathbb{W}_k$ , defined below.

**Definition 9** (The top member  $\mathbb{W}_k$  of  $\mathcal{E}_k$ ). Let  $k \geq 2$  be given. For each  $\vec{i} = (i_0, \ldots, i_{k-1}) \in \omega^{\not k k}$ , define

(3) 
$$\mathbb{W}_k(\vec{i}) = \{m_{\vec{i} \nmid p} : 1 \le p \le k\}.$$

Thus, each  $\mathbb{W}_k(\vec{i})$  is a member of  $[\omega]^k$ . Define

(4) 
$$\mathbb{W}_k = \{\mathbb{W}_k(\vec{i}) : \vec{i} \in \omega^{\not \downarrow k}\}.$$

Note that  $\mathbb{W}_k$  is a subset of  $[\omega]^k$  with order-type  $\omega^k$ , under the lexicographical ordering.

For  $1 \leq p \leq k$ , letting  $\mathbb{W}_k(\vec{i} \upharpoonright p)$  denote  $\{m_{\vec{i} \upharpoonright q} : 1 \leq q \leq p\}$ , and letting  $\mathbb{W}_k(()) = \emptyset$ , we see that  $\mathbb{W}_k$  induces the tree  $\widehat{\mathbb{W}}_k = \{\mathbb{W}_k(\vec{j}) : \vec{j} \in \omega^{k \leq k}\} \subseteq [\omega]^{\leq k}$  obtained by taking all initial segments of members of  $\mathbb{W}_k$ . The key points about the structure of  $\widehat{\mathbb{W}}_k$  are the following, which will be essential in the next definition:

(ii) For each  $m \ge 1$ ,  $\max(\mathbb{W}_k(\vec{j}_m)) < \max(\mathbb{W}_k(\vec{j}_{m+1}))$ .

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(iii) For all  $\vec{j}, \vec{l} \in \omega^{\not{k} \leq k}$ ,  $\mathbb{W}_k(\vec{j})$  is an initial segment of  $\mathbb{W}_k(\vec{l})$  if and only if  $\vec{j}$  is an initial segment of  $\vec{l}$ .

All members of the space  $\mathcal{E}_k$  will have this structure.

**Definition 10** (The spaces  $(\mathcal{E}_k, \leq, r), k \geq 2$ ). For  $\vec{j}_m \in \omega^{k \leq k}$ , let  $|\vec{j}|$  denote the length of the sequence  $\vec{j}$ . We say that  $\hat{X}$  is an  $\mathcal{E}_k$ -tree if  $\hat{X}$  is a function from  $\omega^{k \leq k}$  into  $\widehat{\mathbb{W}}_k$  such that

- (i) For each  $m < \omega$ ,  $\widehat{X}(\vec{j}_m) \in [\omega]^{|\vec{j}_m|} \cap \widehat{\mathbb{W}}_k$ ;
- (ii) For all  $1 \le m < \omega$ ,  $\max(\widehat{X}(\vec{j}_m)) < \max(\widehat{X}(\vec{j}_{m+1}));$
- (iii) For all  $m, n < \omega$ ,  $\widehat{X}(\vec{j}_m) \sqsubset \widehat{X}(\vec{j}_n)$  if and only if  $\vec{j}_m \sqsubset \vec{j}_n$ .

For  $\widehat{X}$  an  $\mathcal{E}_k$ -tree, let  $[\widehat{X}]$  denote the function  $\widehat{X} \cap (\omega^{\not lk} \times \mathbb{W}_k)$ . Define the space  $\mathcal{E}_k$  to be the collection of all  $[\widehat{X}]$  such that  $\widehat{X}$  is an  $\mathcal{E}_k$ -tree. Thus,  $\mathcal{E}_k$  is the space of all functions X from  $\omega^{\not lk}$  into  $\mathbb{W}_k$  which induce an  $\mathcal{E}_k$ -tree.

For  $X, Y \in \mathcal{E}_k$ , define  $Y \leq X$  if and only if  $\operatorname{ran}(Y) \subseteq \operatorname{ran}(X)$ . For each  $n < \omega$ , the *n*-th finite approximation  $r_n(X)$  is  $X \cap (\{\vec{i}_p : p < n\} \times \mathbb{W}_k)$ . As usual, we let  $\mathcal{AR}$ denote the collection  $\{r_n(X) : X \in \mathcal{E}_k \text{ and } n < \omega\}$ . For  $a, b \in \mathcal{AR}$  define  $a \leq_{\operatorname{fin}} b$  if and only if  $\operatorname{ran}(a) \subseteq \operatorname{ran}(b)$ .

*Remark.* The members of  $\mathcal{E}_k$  are functions from  $\omega^{\not k}$  into  $\mathbb{W}_k$  which are obtained by restricting  $\mathcal{E}_k$ -trees to their maximal nodes. Each member of  $\mathcal{E}_k$  uniquely determines an  $\mathcal{E}_k$ -tree and vice versa. We will identify each member X of  $\mathcal{E}_k$  with its image  $\operatorname{ran}(X) = \{X(\vec{i}_n) : n < \omega\} \subseteq \mathbb{W}_k$ , as this identification is unambiguous. In this vein, we may think of  $r_n(X)$  as  $\{X(\vec{i}_p) : p < n\}$ .

Define the projection maps  $\pi_l$ ,  $l \leq k$ , as follows. For all  $\vec{j} \in \omega^{\not{l} \leq k}$ , define  $\pi_0(\{m_{\vec{j} \restriction q} : 1 \leq q \leq |\vec{j}|\}) = \emptyset$ . For  $1 \leq l \leq k$ , for all  $\vec{j} \in \omega^{\not{l} \leq k}$  with  $|\vec{j}| \geq l$ , define

(5) 
$$\pi_l(\{m_{\vec{j}\restriction q}: 1 \le q \le |\vec{j}|\}) = \{m_{\vec{j}\restriction q}: 1 \le q \le l\}.$$

Thus,  $\pi_l$  is defined on those members of  $\widehat{\mathbb{W}}_k$  with length at least l, and projects to their initial segments of length l.

For each  $l \leq k$ , we let  $N_l^k$  denote the collection of all  $n \in \omega$  such that given  $a \in \mathcal{AR}_n$ , for all  $b \in r_{n+1}[a, \mathbb{W}_k], \pi_l(b(\vec{i}_n)) \in \pi_l(a)$ , but  $\pi_{l+1}(b(\vec{i}_n)) \notin \pi_{l+1}(a)$ .

Remark. In defining the spaces  $\mathcal{E}_k$ , there is a tension between needing the members of  $\mathcal{E}_k$  to have order-type  $\omega^k$  and needing the finitization map r to give back any member of  $\mathcal{E}_k$  in  $\omega$  many steps. Thus, it was necessary to find a way to diagonalize through a set  $X \subseteq [\omega]^k$  of order-type  $\omega^k$  in  $\omega$  many steps in such a way that the axioms **A.1** - **A.4** hold. All the Axioms except for **A.3** (b) could be proved using several different choices for the finitzation map r. However, the structure of the well-ordering ( $\omega^{\ell k}, \prec$ ), the structure of  $\mathbb{W}_k$  given as a template for the members of  $\mathcal{E}_k$ , and conditions (2) and (3) in Definition 10 are precisely what allow us to prove axiom **A.3** (b), which will be proved in Lemma 15. Interestingly, the Pigeonhole Principle **A.4** is actually more straightforward than **A.3** to prove for these spaces.

Before proving that these  $\mathcal{E}_k$  form topological Ramsey spaces, we begin with some concrete examples starting with  $\mathcal{E}_2$ .

**Example 11** (The space  $\mathcal{E}_2$ ). The members of  $\mathcal{E}_2$  look like  $\omega$  many copies of the Ellentuck space; that is, each member has order-type  $\omega \cot \omega$ , under the lexicographic

order. The well-order  $(\omega^{\not l \leq 2}, \prec)$  begins as follows:

 $(6) \quad () \prec (0) \prec (0,0) \prec (0,1) \prec (1) \prec (1,1) \prec (0,2) \prec (1,2) \prec (2) \prec (2,2) \prec \cdots$ 

The tree structure of  $\omega^{\ell \leq 2}$ , under lexicographic order, looks  $\omega$  copies of  $\omega$ , and has order type the countable ordinal  $\omega^2$  under the lexicographic ordering. Here, we picture the finite tree  $\{\vec{j}_m : m < 22\}$ , which indicates how the rest of the tree  $\omega^{\ell \leq 2}$ is formed. This is the same as the tree formed by taking all initial segments of the set  $\{\vec{i}_n : n < 15\}$ .



FIGURE 1.  $\omega^{\not\downarrow \leq 2}$ 

The  $\prec$  ordering on  $\omega^{\not{k}\leq 2}$  determines the nodes in  $\widehat{\mathbb{W}}_2$ . Technically, the maximal nodes in the figure below show  $r_{15}(\mathbb{W}_2)$ , which indicates how the rest of  $\mathbb{W}_2$  is formed.



FIGURE 2.  $\mathbb{W}_2$ 

We now present some typical finite approximations to members of  $\mathcal{E}_2$ .



FIGURE 3.  $r_6(X)$  for a typical  $X \in \mathcal{E}_2$ 

The following trivial fact is stated, as it is important to seeing that the space in this paper is forcing equivalent to the forcing considered in [1].

**Fact 12.** For any set  $S \subseteq [\omega]^2$  such that for infinitely many  $i \in \pi_1(S)$ , the set  $\{j \in \omega : \{i, j\} \in S\}$  is infinite, there is an  $X \in \mathcal{E}_2$  such that  $X \subseteq S$ .



FIGURE 4.  $r_{10}(X)$  for a typical  $X \in \mathcal{E}_2$ 

Let  $\omega^2$  denote  $\omega \times \omega$  and let  $\operatorname{Fin}^{\otimes 2}$  denote the ideal  $\operatorname{Fin} \times \operatorname{Fin}$ , which is the collection of all subsets A of  $\omega \times \omega$  such that for all but finitely many  $i \in \omega$ , the fiber  $A(i) := \{j < \omega : (i, j) \in A\}$  is finite. Abusing notation, we also let  $\operatorname{Fin}^{\otimes 2}$  denote the ideal on  $[\omega]^2$  consisting of sets  $A \subseteq [\omega]^2$  such that for all but finitely many  $i \in \omega$ , the set  $\{j > i : \{i, j\} \in A\}$  is finite. Given  $X, Y \subseteq [\omega]^2$ , we write  $Y \subseteq^{\operatorname{Fin}^{\otimes 2}} X$  if and only if  $Y \setminus X \in \operatorname{Fin}^{\otimes 2}$ . We now point out how our space  $\mathcal{E}_2$  partially ordered by  $\subseteq^{\operatorname{Fin}^{\otimes 2}}$  is forcing equivalent to  $\mathcal{P}(\omega^2)/\operatorname{Fin}^{\otimes 2}$ .

**Proposition 13.**  $(\mathcal{E}_2, \subseteq^{\operatorname{Fin}^{\otimes 2}})$  is forcing equivalent to  $\mathcal{P}(\omega^2)/\operatorname{Fin}^{\otimes 2}$ .

Proof. It is well-known that  $\mathcal{P}(\omega^2)/\operatorname{Fin}^{\otimes 2}$  is forcing equivalent to  $((\operatorname{Fin} \times \operatorname{Fin})^+, \subseteq^{\operatorname{Fin}^{\otimes 2}})$ , where  $(\operatorname{Fin} \times \operatorname{Fin})^+$  is the collection of all subsets  $A \subseteq \omega^2$  such that for infinitely many coordinates i, the i-th fiber of A is infinite. (See, for instance, [1].) Identifying  $\{(i, j) : i < j < \omega\}$  with  $[\omega]^2$ , we see that the collection of all infinite subsets of  $[\omega]^2$  with lexicographic order-type exactly  $\omega^2$  forms a  $\subseteq$ -dense subset of  $(\operatorname{Fin} \times \operatorname{Fin})^+$ . Further, for each  $Z \subseteq [\omega]^2$  with lexicographic order-type exactly  $\omega^2$ , there is an  $X \in \mathcal{E}_2$  such that  $X \subseteq Z$ . Thus,  $(\mathcal{E}_2, \subseteq^{\operatorname{Fin}^{\otimes 2}})$  is forcing equivalent to  $\mathcal{P}(\omega \times \omega)/\operatorname{Fin}^{\otimes 2}$ .

Next we present the specifics of the structure of the space  $\mathcal{E}_3$ .

**Example 14** (The space  $\mathcal{E}_3$ ). The well-order ( $\omega^{\not\downarrow \leq 3}, \prec$ ) begins as follows:

$$\begin{split} \emptyset \prec (0) \prec (0,0) \prec (0,0,0) \prec (0,0,1) \prec (0,1) \prec (0,1,1) \prec (1) \\ \prec (1,1) \prec (1,1,1) \prec (0,0,2) \prec (0,1,2) \prec (0,2) \prec (0,2,2) \\ (7) \qquad \prec (1,1,2) \prec (1,2) \prec (1,2,2) \prec (2) \prec (2,2) \prec (2,2,2) \prec (0,0,3) \prec \cdots \end{split}$$

The set  $\omega^{\not{k}\leq 3}$  is a tree of height three with each non-maximal node branching into  $\omega$  many nodes. The maximal nodes in the following figure is technically the set  $\{\vec{i}_m : m < 20\}$ , which indicates the structure of  $\omega^{\not{k}\leq 3}$ .



FIGURE 5.  $\omega^{\not\downarrow \leq 3}$ 

Technically, the following figure presents  $r_{20}(\mathbb{W}_3)$ , though the intent is to give the reader an idea of the structure of  $\mathbb{W}_3$ .



FIGURE 6.  $\mathbb{W}_3$ 

We next present typical fourth and fifth approximations.



FIGURE 7.  $r_4(X)$  for a typical  $X \in \mathcal{E}_3$ 



FIGURE 8.  $r_5(X)$  for a typical  $X \in \mathcal{E}_3$ 

By  $\operatorname{Fin}^{\otimes 3}$ , we denote  $\operatorname{Fin} \otimes \operatorname{Fin}^{\otimes 2}$ , which consists of all subsets  $F \subseteq \omega^3$  such that for all but finitely many  $i \in \omega$ ,  $\{(j,k) : (i,j,k) \in F\}$  is in  $\operatorname{Fin}^{\otimes 2}$ . Identifying  $[\omega]^3$ with  $\{(i,j,k) \in \omega^3 : i < j < k\}$ , we abuse notation and let  $\operatorname{Fin}^{\otimes 3}$  on  $[\omega]^3$  denote the collection of all subsets  $F \subseteq [\omega]^3$  such that  $\{(i,j,k) : \{i,j,k\} \in F\}$  is in  $\operatorname{Fin}^{\otimes 3}$ as defined on  $\omega^3$ . It is routine to check that  $(\mathcal{E}_3, \subseteq^{\operatorname{Fin}^{\otimes 3}})$  is forcing equivalent to  $\mathcal{P}(\omega^3)/\operatorname{Fin}^{\otimes 3}$ .

We shall now show that for each  $k \geq 2$ , the space  $(\mathcal{E}_k, \leq, r)$  is a topological Ramsey space; hence, every subset of  $\mathcal{E}_k$  with the property of Baire is Ramsey. Since  $\mathcal{E}_k$  is a closed subspace of  $\mathcal{AR}^{\omega}$ , it suffices, by the Abstract Ellentuck Theorem (Theorem 2), to show that  $(\mathcal{E}_k, \leq, r)$  satisfies the axioms A.1 - A.4. As it is routine to check that  $(\mathcal{E}_k, \leq, r)$  satisfies the axioms **A.1** and **A.2**, we leave this to the reader. We will show that **A.3** holds for  $\mathcal{E}_k$  for all  $k \geq 2$ . Then we will show by induction on  $k \geq 2$  that **A.4** holds for  $\mathcal{E}_k$ .

For each fixed  $k \geq 2$ , recall our convention that  $\langle \vec{i}_n : n < \omega \rangle$  is the  $\prec$ -increasing enumeration of the well-ordered set  $(\omega^{\not lk}, \prec)$ . Though technically each  $a \in \mathcal{AR}$  is a subset of  $[\omega]^k$ , we shall abuse notation and use max a to denote max  $\bigcup a$ . Recall that for  $a \in \mathcal{AR}$  and  $X \in \mathcal{E}_k$ , depth<sub>X</sub>(a) is defined to be the smallest n for which  $a \subseteq r_n(X)$ , if  $a \subseteq X$ , and  $\infty$  otherwise. As is convention, [n, X] is used to denote  $[r_n(X), X].$ 

**Lemma 15.** For each  $k \ge 2$ , the space  $(\mathcal{E}_k, \le, r)$  satisfies Axiom A.3.

*Proof.* To see that **A.3** (a) holds, suppose that depth<sub>B</sub>(a) =  $d < \infty$  and  $A \in [d, B]$ . Let  $b = r_d(B)$ . Then  $a \subseteq b$ , max  $a = \max b$ , and [b, B] = [d, B]. We will recursively build a  $C \in [a, A]$ , which will show that [a, A] is non-empty. Let m = |a|. Note that  $a \in \mathcal{AR}_m | A$ , since  $a \subseteq b$  and  $A \in [b, B]$ . Let  $c_m$  denote a.

Suppose  $n \ge m$  and we have already chosen  $c_n \in r_n[a, A]$  such that  $c_n \sqsupset c_{n-1}$ if n > m. Construct  $c_{n+1} \in r_{n+1}[c_n, A]$  as follows. Let l be the integer less than k such that  $n \in N_l^k$ . Recall that  $n \in N_l^k$  means that every extension  $c' \supseteq c_n$  has  $\pi_l(c'(\vec{i}_n)) \in \pi_l(c_n)$ , and  $\pi_{l+1}(c'(\vec{i}_n)) \notin \pi_{l+1}(c_n)$ . If l = 0, then choose  $c_{n+1}(\vec{i}_n)$  to be any member of A such that  $\pi_1(c_{n+1}(\vec{i}_n)) > \max c_n$ . Now suppose that  $l \ge 1$ . Then letting p be any integer less than n such that  $\vec{i}_p \upharpoonright l = \vec{i}_n \upharpoonright l$ , we note that  $\pi_l(c_{n+1}(\vec{i}_n))$  is predetermined to be equal to the set  $\pi_l(c_n(\vec{i}_p))$ . Choose  $c_{n+1}(\vec{i}_n)$ to be any member of A such that  $\pi_l(c_{n+1}(\vec{i}_n)) = \pi_l(c_n(\vec{i}_p))$  and  $\max c_{n+1}(\vec{i}_n \mid$ (l+1) > max  $c_n$ . Define  $c_{n+1}$  to be  $c_n \cup c_{n+1}(\vec{i}_n)$ .

In this manner, we construct a sequence  $c_n$ ,  $n \ge m$ , such that each  $c_{n+1} \in$  $r_{n+1}[c_n, A]$ . Letting  $C = \bigcup_{n>m} c_n$ , we see that C is in [a, A]; hence A.3 (a) holds.

To see that **A.3** (b) holds, suppose  $A \leq B$  and  $[a, A] \neq \emptyset$ . We will construct an  $A' \in [\operatorname{depth}_B(a), B]$  such that  $\emptyset \neq [a, A'] \subseteq [a, A]$ . Let  $d = \operatorname{depth}_B(a)$  and let  $a'_d = r_d(B)$ . For each  $n \ge d$ , given  $a'_n$ , we will choose  $a'_{n+1} \in \mathcal{AR}_{n+1}$  such that

- (1)  $a'_{n+1} \in r_{n+1}[a'_n, B]$ ; and (2) If  $n \in N_l^k$  and  $a'_n(\vec{i}_n \upharpoonright l) \in \pi_l(A)$ , then  $a'_{n+1}(\vec{i}_n) \in A$ .

Let  $n \ge d$ , and suppose  $a'_n$  has been chosen satisfying (1) and (2). Choose  $a'_{n+1}(\vec{i}_n)$  as follows. Let l < k be the integer such that  $n \in N_l^k$ . If l = 0, then choose  $a'_{n+1}(\vec{i}_n)$  to be any member of A such that  $\max \pi_1(a'_{n+1}(\vec{i}_n)) > \max a'_n$ . Suppose now that  $l \ge 1$ . We have two cases.

Case 1.  $\vec{i}_n \upharpoonright l = \vec{i}_m \upharpoonright l$  for some m < d. Then  $a'_{n+1}(\vec{i}_n)$  must be chosen so that  $\pi_l(a'_{n+1}(\vec{i}_n)) \in \pi_l(b)$ . In the case that  $a'_d(\vec{i}_m \upharpoonright l)$  is in  $\pi_l(a)$ , then we can choose  $a'_{n+1}(\vec{i}_n) \in A \text{ such that } a'_{n+1}(\vec{i}_n \upharpoonright l) = a'_d(\vec{i}_m \upharpoonright l) \text{ and } \max \pi_{l+1}(a'_{n+1}(\vec{i}_n)) > \max a'_n.$ In the case that  $a'_d(\tilde{i}_m \upharpoonright l)$  is in  $\pi_l(b) \setminus \pi_l(a)$ , there is no way to choose  $a'_{n+1}(\tilde{i}_n)$ to be a member of A; so we choose  $a'_{n+1}(\vec{i}_n)$  to be a member of B such that  $a'_{n+1}(\vec{i}_n \upharpoonright l) = a'_d(\vec{i}_m \upharpoonright l)$  and  $\max \pi_{l+1}(a'_{n+1}(\vec{i}_n)) > \max a'_n$ .

Case 2.  $\vec{i}_n \upharpoonright l \neq \vec{i}_m \upharpoonright l$  for any m < d. In this case,  $\pi_l(a'(\vec{i}_n))$  cannot be in  $\pi_l(b)$ . Since  $l \ge 1$ , there must be some  $d \le m < n$  such that  $\vec{i}_n \upharpoonright l = \vec{i}_m \upharpoonright l$ . By our construction,  $a'_n(\vec{i}_m \upharpoonright l)$  must be in  $\pi_l(A)$ . Choose  $a'_{n+1}(\vec{i}_n)$  to be any member of A such that  $\pi_l(a'_{n+1}(\vec{i}_n)) = \pi_l(a'_n(\vec{i}_m))$  with  $\max \pi_{l+1}(a'_{n+1}(\vec{i}_n)) > \max a_n$ .

Having chosen  $a'_{n+1}(\vec{i}_n)$ , let  $a'_{n+1} = a'_n \cup \{a'_{n+1}(\vec{i}_n)\}$ . In this manner, we form a sequence  $\langle a'_n : n \ge d \rangle$  satisfying (1) and (2). Let  $A' = \bigcup_{n \ge d} a'_n$ . By construction, A' is a member of  $\mathcal{E}_k$  and  $A' \in [b, B]$ . Since  $a \subseteq A', \emptyset \neq [a, A']$ .

To see that  $[a, A'] \subseteq [a, A]$ , let X be any member of [a, A']. For each  $m < \omega$ , let  $n_m$  be such that  $X(\vec{i}_m) = A'(\vec{i}_{n_m})$ . We show that  $X(\vec{i}_m) \in A$ . Let l < k be such that  $m \in N_l^k$ . If  $\pi_l(X(\vec{i}_m)) \in \pi_l(a)$ , then  $A'(\vec{i}_{n_m})$  was chosen to be in A; thus  $X(\vec{i}_m) \in A$ . Otherwise,  $\pi_l(X(\vec{i}_m)) \notin \pi_l(a)$ . Since  $X \sqsupset a$ , it must be the case that min  $X(\vec{i}_m) > \max a$ . Thus,  $A'(\vec{i}_{n_m})$  was chosen to be in A; hence,  $X(\vec{i}_m) \in A$ . Therefore,  $X \subseteq A$ , so  $X \in [a, A]$ .

Remark. Our choice of finitization using the structure of the well-ordering  $(\omega^{\not{k} \leq k}, \prec)$  was made precisely so that **A.3** (b) could be proved. In earlier versions of this work, we used larger finitzations so that each member  $a \in \mathcal{AR}_m$  would contain precisely m members  $a(\vec{i}_n)$  with  $n \in N_0^k$ . This had the advantage that the ultrafilters constructed using fronts  $\mathcal{AR}_m$  as base sets would be naturally seen as Fubini products of m many ultrafilters. However, **A.3** (b) did not hold under that approach, and as such, we had to prove the Abstract Nash-William Theorem directly from the other three and a half axioms. Our former approach still provided the initial Tukey structures, but our finitization in this paper map makes it clear that these new spaces really are generalizations of the Ellentuck space and saves us from some unnecessary redundancy. Moreover, the approach we use has the advantage of allowing for new generalizations of the Pudlák-Rödl Theorem to the spaces  $\mathcal{E}_k$ .

Towards proving **A.4** for  $\mathcal{E}_2$ , we first prove a lemma showing that there are three canonical equivalence relations for 1-extensions on the space  $\mathcal{E}_2$ . This fact is already known for the partial ordering  $((\operatorname{Fin}^{\otimes 2})^+, \subseteq)$  (see Corollary 33 in [1]); we are merely making it precise in the context of our space  $\mathcal{E}_2$ . Given  $s \in \mathcal{AR}$ , we shall say that t is a 1-extension of s if  $t \in r_{|s|+1}[s, \mathbb{W}_2]$ . For  $n \in N_0^2$ ,  $s \in \mathcal{AR}_n$ , and  $Y \supseteq s$ , we shall say that a function  $f: r_{n+1}[s, Y] \to \omega$  is constant on blocks if for all  $t, u \in r_{n+1}[s, Y], f(t) = f(u) \longleftrightarrow \pi_1(t(\vec{i}_n)) = \pi_1(u(\vec{i}_n))$ .

**Lemma 16** (Canonical Equivalence Relations on 1-Extensions in  $\mathcal{E}_2$ ). Suppose  $n < \omega, s \in \mathcal{AR}_n$  and  $s \subseteq X$ , and let  $f : r_{n+1}[s, X] \to \omega$ . Then there is a  $Y \in [\operatorname{depth}_X(s), X]$  such that  $f \upharpoonright r_{n+1}[s, Y]$  satisfies exactly one of the following:

- (1)  $f \upharpoonright r_{n+1}[s, Y]$  is one-to-one;
- (2)  $f \upharpoonright r_{n+1}[s, Y]$  is constant on blocks;
- (3)  $f \upharpoonright r_{n+1}[s, Y]$  is constant.

Moreover, (2) is impossible if  $n \in N_1^2$ .

Proof. Case 1.  $n \in N_1^2$ . Let  $\vec{j}_m$  be the member of  $\omega^{\not k^1}$  such that  $\vec{j}_m = \vec{i}_n \upharpoonright 1$ . Suppose there is an infinite subset  $P \subseteq \omega \setminus n$  such that for each  $p \in P$ ,  $\vec{i}_p \upharpoonright 1 = \vec{j}_m$  and f is one-to-one on  $\{s \cup X(\vec{i}_p) : p \in P\}$ . Then by Fact 12, there is a  $Y \in [\operatorname{depth}_X(s), X]$  such that each  $t \in r_{n+1}[s, Y]$  has  $t(\vec{i}_n) = X(\vec{i}_p)$  for some  $p \in P$ . It follows that f is one-to-one on  $r_{n+1}[s, Y]$ . Otherwise, there is an infinite subset  $P \subseteq \omega \setminus n$  such that for each  $p \in P$ ,  $\vec{i}_p \upharpoonright 1 = \vec{j}_m$ , and f is constant on

 $\{s \cup X(\vec{i}_p) : p \in P\}$ . By Fact 12, there is a  $Y \in [\text{depth}_X(s), X]$  such that each  $t \in r_{n+1}[s, Y]$  has  $t(\vec{i}_n) = X(\vec{i}_p)$  for some  $p \in P$ . Then f is constant on  $r_{n+1}[s, Y]$ .

Case 2.  $n \in N_0^2$ . Suppose there are infinitely many m for which f is one-to-one on the set  $\{s \cup X(\vec{i}_p) : \vec{i}_p \upharpoonright 1 = \vec{j}_m\}$ . Then there is a  $Y \in [\text{depth}_X(s), X]$  such that f is one-to-one on  $r_{n+1}[s, Y]$ .

Suppose now that there are infinitely many  $m < \omega$  for which there is an infinite set  $P_m \subseteq \{p \in \omega : \vec{i}_p \upharpoonright 1 = \vec{j}_m\}$  such that f is constant on the set  $\{s \cup X(\vec{i}_p) : p \in P_m\}$ . If the value of f on  $\{s \cup X(\vec{i}_p) : p \in P_m\}$  is different for infinitely many m, then, applying Fact 12, there is a  $Y \in [\operatorname{depth}_X(s), X]$  such that f is constant on blocks on  $r_{n+1}[s, Y]$ . If the value of f on  $\{s \cup X(\vec{i}_p) : p \in P_m\}$  is the same for infinitely many m, then, applying Fact 12, there is a  $Y \in [\operatorname{depth}_X(s), X]$  such that f is constant f is constant on  $r_{n+1}[s, Y]$ .  $\Box$ 

**Lemma 17** (A.4 for  $\mathcal{E}_2$ ). Let  $a \in \mathcal{AR}_n$ ,  $X \in \mathcal{E}_2$  such that  $X \supseteq a$ , and  $\mathcal{H} \subseteq \mathcal{AR}_{n+1}$ be given. Then there is a  $Y \in [\operatorname{depth}_X(a), X]$  such that either  $r_{n+1}[a, Y] \subseteq \mathcal{H}$  or else  $r_{n+1}[a, Y] \cap \mathcal{H} = \emptyset$ .

Proof. Define  $f: r_{n+1}[a, X] \to 2$  by f(t) = 0 if  $t \in \mathcal{H}$ , and f(t) = 1 if  $t \notin \mathcal{H}$ . Then there is a  $Y \in [\operatorname{depth}_X(a), X]$  satisfying Lemma 16. Since f has only two values, neither (1) nor (2) of Lemma 16 can hold; so f must be constant on  $r_{n+1}[a, Y]$ . If f is constantly 0 on  $r_{n+1}[a, Y]$ , then  $r_{n+1}[a, Y] \subseteq \mathcal{H}$ ; otherwise, f is constantly 1 on  $r_{n+1}[a, Y]$ , and  $r_{n+1}[a, Y] \cap \mathcal{H} = \emptyset$ .

**Theorem 18.**  $(\mathcal{E}_2, \leq, r)$  is a topological Ramsey space.

*Proof.*  $(\mathcal{E}_2, \leq, r)$  is a closed subspace of  $\mathcal{AR}^{\omega}$ . It is straightforward to check that **A.1** and **A.2** hold. Lemma 15 shows that **A.3** holds, and Lemma 17 shows that **A.4** holds. Thus, by the Abstract Ellentuck Theorem 2,  $(\mathcal{E}_2, \leq, r)$  is a topological Ramsey space.

We now begin the inductive process of proving A.4 for  $\mathcal{E}_k$ ,  $k \geq 3$ . Let  $k \geq 2$ and  $1 \leq l < k$  be given. Let  $U \subseteq W_k$  be given. We say that U is isomorphic to a member of  $\mathcal{E}_{k-l}$  if its structure is the same as  $W_{k-l}$ . By this, we mean precisely the following: Let  $P = \{p < \omega : W_k(\vec{i}_p) \in U\}$ , and enumerate P in increasing order as  $P = \{p_m : m < \omega\}$ . Let the mapping  $\theta : \{\vec{i}_p : p \in P\} \to \omega^{\ell(k-l)}$  be given by  $\theta(\vec{i}_{p_m})$  equals the  $\prec$ -m-th member of  $\omega^{\ell(k-l)}$ . Then  $\theta$  induces a tree isomorphism, respecting lexicographic order, from the tree of all initial segments of members of  $\{\vec{i}_p : p \in P\}$  to the tree of all initial segments of members of  $(\omega^{\ell(k-l)}, \prec)$ . The next fact generalizes Fact 12 to the  $\mathcal{E}_k$ ,  $k \geq 3$ , and will be used in the inductive proof of A.4 for the rest of the spaces.

**Fact 19.** Let  $k \ge 2$ , l < k,  $n \in N_l^k$ ,  $X \in \mathcal{E}_k$ , and  $a \in \mathcal{AR}_n | X$  be given.

- (1) Suppose  $l \ge 1$  and  $V \subseteq r_{n+1}[a, X]$  is such that  $U := \{b(\vec{i}_n) : b \in V\}$  is isomorphic to a member of  $\mathcal{E}_{k-l}$ . Then there is a  $Y \in [a, X]$  such that  $r_{n+1}[a, Y] \subseteq V$ .
- (2) Suppose l = 0 and there is an infinite set  $I \subseteq \{p \ge n : p \in N_0^k\}$  such that (a) for all  $p \ne q$  in I,  $\vec{i}_p \upharpoonright 1 \ne \vec{i}_q \upharpoonright 1$ , and
  - (b) for each  $p \in I$ , there is a set  $U_p \subseteq \{X(\vec{i}_q) : q \in \omega \text{ and } \vec{i}_q \upharpoonright 1 = \vec{i}_p \upharpoonright 1\}$ such that  $U_p$  is isomorphic to a member of  $\mathcal{E}_{k-1}$ .

Then there is a  $Y \in [a, X]$  such that  $r_{n+1}[a, Y] \subseteq \bigcup_{p \in I} U_p$ .

*Proof.* To prove (1), let n, X, V, U satisfy the hypotheses. Construct  $Y \in [a, X]$  by starting with a, and choosing successively, for each  $p \ge n$ , some  $Y(\vec{i}_p) \in X$  such that whenever  $\vec{i}_p \upharpoonright l = \vec{i}_n \upharpoonright l$ , then  $Y(\vec{i}_p) \in U$ .

To prove (2), start with a. Noting that  $n \in N_0^k$ , take any  $p \in I$  and choose  $Y(\vec{i}_n) \in U_p$  such that  $\max \pi_{l_n+1}(Y(\vec{i}_n)) > \max a$ . Let  $y_{n+1} = a_n \cup \{Y(\vec{i}_n)\}$ . Suppose we have chosen  $y_m$ , for  $m \ge n$ . If  $m \in N_0^k$ , then take  $p \in I$  such that  $\pi_1(X(\vec{i}_q)) > \max y_m$  for each  $X(\vec{i}_q) \in U_p$ . Take  $Y(\vec{i}_m)$  to be any member of  $U_p$ .

If  $m \in N_l^k$  for some l > 0, then we have two cases. Suppose  $y_m(\vec{i}_m \upharpoonright 1) \in \pi_1(a)$ . Then choose  $Y(\vec{i}_m)$  to be any member of X such that, for q < m such that  $\vec{i}_m \upharpoonright l = \vec{i}_q \upharpoonright l$ ,  $\pi_l(Y(\vec{i}_m)) = \pi_l(y_m(\vec{i}_q))$ , and  $\max \pi_{l+1}(Y(\vec{i}_m)) > \max y_m$ . Otherwise,  $y_m(\vec{i}_m \upharpoonright 1) \notin \pi_1(a)$ . In this case, let q < m such that  $\vec{i}_m \upharpoonright l = \vec{i}_q \upharpoonright l$ , and let p be such that  $\pi_1(y_m(\vec{i}_q)) \in \pi_1(U_p)$ . Then take  $Y(\vec{i}_m)$  to be any member of  $U_p$  such that the following hold:  $Y(\vec{i}_m \upharpoonright l) = y_m(\vec{i}_q \upharpoonright l)$ , and  $\max \pi_{l+1}(Y(\vec{i}_m)) > \max y_m$ . Let  $y_{m+1} = y_m \cup \{Y(\vec{i}_m)\}$ .

Letting  $Y = \bigcup_{m \ge n} y_m$ , we obtain a member of  $\mathcal{E}_k$  which satisfies our claim.  $\Box$ 

The following lemma is proved by an induction scheme: Given that  $\mathcal{E}_k$  satisfies the Pigeonhole Principle, we then prove that  $\mathcal{E}_{k+1}$  satisfies the Pigeonhole Principle. In fact, one can prove this directly, but induction streamlines the proof.

# **Lemma 20.** For each $k \geq 3$ , $\mathcal{E}_k$ satisfies A.4.

*Proof.* By Lemma 17,  $\mathcal{E}_2$  satisfies **A.4**. Now assume that  $k \geq 2$  and  $\mathcal{E}_k$  satisfies **A.4**. We will prove that  $\mathcal{E}_{k+1}$  satisfies **A.4**. Let  $X \in \mathcal{E}_{k+1}$ ,  $a = r_n(X)$ , and  $\mathcal{O} \subseteq \mathcal{AR}_{n+1}$ . Let l < k + 1 be such that  $n \in N_l^{k+1}$ .

Suppose  $l \ge 1$  and let k' = k + 1 - l. Letting U denote  $\{b(\vec{i}_n) : b \in r_{n+1}[a, X]\}$ , we note that U is isomorphic to a member of  $\mathcal{E}_{k'}$ . By the induction hypothesis, **A.4** holds for  $\mathcal{E}_{k'}$ . It follows that at least one of  $\{b(\vec{i}_n) : b \in r_{n+1}[a, X] \cap \mathcal{O}\}$  or  $\{b(\vec{i}_n) : b \in r_{n+1}[a, X] \setminus \mathcal{O}\}$  contains a set isomorphic to a member of  $\mathcal{E}_{k'}$ . By Fact 19 (1), there is a  $Y \in [a, X]$  such that either  $r_{n+1}[a, Y] \subseteq \mathcal{O}$  or else  $r_{n+1}[a, Y] \subseteq \mathcal{O}^c$ .

Suppose now that l = 0. Take I to consist of those  $p \ge n$  for which  $\vec{i_p} \upharpoonright 1 > \vec{i_q} \upharpoonright 1$ for all q < p. Then I is infinite. Moreover, for each  $p \in I$ , letting  $I_p := \{q \ge p : \vec{i_q} \upharpoonright 1 = \vec{i_p} \upharpoonright 1\}$ , we have that  $\{X(\vec{i_q}) : q \in I_p\}$  is isomorphic to a member of  $\mathcal{E}_k$ . Thus, for each  $p \in I$ , at least one of  $\{X(\vec{i_q}) : q \in I_p\} \cap \{b(\vec{i_n}) : b \in r_{n+1}[a, X] \cap \mathcal{O}\}$ or  $\{X(\vec{i_q}) : q \in I_p\} \cap \{b(\vec{i_n}) : b \in r_{n+1}[a, X] \cap \mathcal{O}^c\}$  contains a subset which is isomorphic to a member of  $\mathcal{E}_k$ . Take one and call it  $U_p$ . Thin I to an infinite subset I' for which either  $U_p \subseteq \{b(\vec{i_n}) : b \in r_{n+1}[a, X] \cap \mathcal{O}\}$  for all  $p \in I'$ , or else  $U_p \subseteq \{b(\vec{i_n}) : b \in r_{n+1}[a, X] \cap \mathcal{O}^c\}$  for all  $p \in I'$ . By Fact 19 (2), there is a  $Y \in [a, X]$  such that  $r_{n+1}[a, Y] \subseteq \bigcup_{p \in I'} U_p$ . Thus, Y satisfies **A.4**.

From Theorem 18 and Lemmas 15 and 20, we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 21.** For each  $2 \leq k < \omega$ ,  $(\mathcal{E}_k, \leq r)$  is a topological Ramsey space.

#### 4. RAMSEY-CLASSIFICATION THEOREMS

In this section, we show that in each of the spaces  $\mathcal{E}_k$ ,  $k \geq 2$ , the analogue of the Pudlák-Rödl Theorem holds. Precisely, we show in Theorem 33 that each equivalence relation on any given front on  $\mathcal{E}_k$  is canonical when restricted to some member of  $\mathcal{E}_k$ . (See Definitions 29 and 30.) Let  $k \ge 2$  be fixed. We begin with some basic notation, definitions and facts which will aid in the proofs. From now on, we routinely use the following abuse of notation.

**Notation.** For  $X \in \mathcal{E}_k$  and  $n < \omega$ , we shall use X(n) to denote  $X(\vec{i}_n)$ .

We will often want to consider the set of all Y into which a given finite approximation s can be extended, even though Y might not actually contain s. Thus, we define the following notation.

**Notation.** Let  $s, t \in \mathcal{AR}$  and  $X \in \mathcal{R}$ . Define  $\operatorname{Ext}(s) = \{Y \in \mathcal{R} : s \subseteq Y\}$ , and let  $\operatorname{Ext}(s, t)$  denote  $\operatorname{Ext}(s) \cap \operatorname{Ext}(t)$ . Define  $\operatorname{Ext}(s, X) = \{Y \leq X : Y \in \operatorname{Ext}(s)\}$ , and let  $\operatorname{Ext}(s, t, X)$  denote  $\operatorname{Ext}(s, X) \cap \operatorname{Ext}(t, X)$ .

Define  $X/s = \{X(n) : n < \omega \text{ and } \max X(n) > \max s\}$  and  $a/s = \{a(n) : n < |a|$ and  $\max a(n) > \max s\}$ . Let [s, X/t] denote  $\{Y \in \mathcal{R} : s \sqsubset Y \text{ and } Y/s \subseteq X/t\}$ .

Let  $r_n[s, X/t]$  be  $\{a \in \mathcal{AR}_n : a \sqsupseteq s \text{ and } a/s \subseteq X/t\}$ . For m = |s|, let r[s, X/t] denote  $\bigcup \{r_n[s, X/t] : n \ge m\}$ . Let  $\operatorname{depth}_X(s, t)$  denote  $\max \{\operatorname{depth}_X(s), \operatorname{depth}_X(t)\}$ .

 $\operatorname{Ext}(s, X)$  is the set of all  $Y \leq X$  into which s can be extended to a member of  $\mathcal{R}$ . Note that  $Y \in \operatorname{Ext}(s, X)$  implies that there is a  $Z \in \mathcal{R}$  such that  $s \sqsubset Z$  and  $Z/s \subseteq Y$ .

**Fact 22.** Suppose  $Y \leq X \in \mathcal{E}_k$  and  $c \subseteq c'$  in  $\mathcal{AR}$  are given with  $\max c = \max c'$ ,  $c \leq_{\text{fin}} Y$ , and  $c' \leq_{\text{fin}} X$ . Then there is a  $Y' \in [c', X]$  such that for any  $s \leq_{\text{fin}} c$  and any  $a \in r[s, Y'/c]$ ,  $a/c \subseteq Y$ .

*Proof.* The proof is by the sort of standard construction we have done in previous similar arguments. Let d = |c'|, and let  $r_d(Y') = c'$ . For  $n \ge d$ , having chosen  $r_n(Y')$ , let l < k be such that  $n \in N_l^k$  and choose Y'(n) as follows.

(1) If  $l \ge 1$ , (i) if  $c'(\vec{i}_n \upharpoonright l) \in \pi_l(c)$ , then choose  $Y'(n) \in Y$ ; (ii) if  $c'(\vec{i}_n \upharpoonright l) \notin \pi_l(c)$ , then choose  $Y'(n) \in X$ . (2) If l = 0, then choose  $Y'(n) \in Y$ .

Then Y' satisfies the conclusion.

Recall Definition 5 of front on a topological Ramsey space from Section 2.

**Definition 23.** Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a front on  $\mathcal{E}_k$  and let  $f : \mathcal{F} \to \omega$ . Let  $\hat{\mathcal{F}} = \{r_n(a) : a \in \mathcal{F} \text{ and } n \leq |a|\}$ . Suppose  $s, t \in \hat{\mathcal{F}}$  and  $X \in \text{Ext}(s, t)$ . We say that X separates s and t if and only if for all  $a \in \mathcal{F} \cap r[s, X/t]$  and  $b \in \mathcal{F} \cap r[t, X/s], f(a) \neq f(b)$ . We say that X mixes s and t if and only if no  $Y \in \text{Ext}(s, t, X)$  separates s and t. We say that X decides for s and t if and only if either X mixes s and t or else X separates s and t.

Note that mixing and separating of s and t only are defined for  $X \in \text{Ext}(s, t)$ . Though we could extend this to all X in  $\mathcal{E}_k$  by declaring X to separate s and t whenever  $X \notin \text{Ext}(s,t)$ , this is unnecessary, as it will not be relevant to our construction. Also note that  $X \in \text{Ext}(s,t)$  mixes s and t if and only if for each  $Y \in \text{Ext}(s,t,X)$ , there are  $a \in \mathcal{F} \cap r[s,Y/t]$  and  $b \in \mathcal{F} \cap r[t,Y/s]$  for which f(a) = f(b).

**Fact 24.** The following are equivalent for  $X \in Ext(s, t)$ :

(1) X mixes s and t.

- (2) For all  $Y \in \text{Ext}(s, t, X)$ , there are  $a \in \mathcal{F} \cap r[s, Y/t]$  and  $b \in \mathcal{F} \cap r[t, Y/s]$ for which f(a) = f(b).
- (3) For all  $Y \in [\operatorname{depth}_X(s,t), X]$ , there are  $a \in \mathcal{F} \cap r[s, Y/t]$  and  $b \in \mathcal{F} \cap r[t, Y/s]$ for which f(a) = f(b).

*Proof.* (1) ⇔ (2) follows immediately from the definition of mixing. (2) ⇒ (3) is also immediate, since  $[depth_X(s,t), X] \subseteq Ext(s,t,X)$ . To see that (3) implies (2), let  $Y \in Ext(s,t,X)$  be given, and let  $c = r_{depth_X(s,t)}(Y)$ . By Fact 22, there is a  $Y' \in [depth_X(s,t), X]$  such that  $r[s, Y'/t] \subseteq r[s, Y/t]$  and  $r[t, Y'/s] \subseteq r[t, Y/s]$ . By (3), there are  $a \in \mathcal{F} \cap r[s, Y'/t]$  and  $b \in \mathcal{F} \cap r[t, Y'/s]$  such that f(a) = f(b). By our choice of Y', a is in r[s, Y/t] and b is in r[t, Y/s]. Thus, (2) holds. □

**Lemma 25** (Transitivity of Mixing). Suppose that X mixes s and t and X mixes t and u. Then X mixes s and u.

*Proof.* Without loss of generality, we may assume that  $\operatorname{depth}_X(u) \leq \operatorname{depth}_X(s)$ , and hence  $[\operatorname{depth}_X(s), X] = [\operatorname{depth}_X(s, u), X]$ . Let Y be any member of  $[\operatorname{depth}_X(s), X]$ . We will show that there are  $a \in \mathcal{F} \cap r[s, Y/u]$  and  $c \in r[u, Y/s]$  such that f(a) = f(c). It then follows that X mixes s and u.

Take  $A \in [\operatorname{depth}_X(s,t), X]$  as follows: If  $\operatorname{depth}_X(t) \leq \operatorname{depth}_X(s)$ , then let A = Y. If  $\operatorname{depth}_X(t) > \operatorname{depth}_X(s)$ , then take A so that  $r[u, A/t] \subseteq r[u, Y/t]$  and  $r[s, A/t] \subseteq r[s, Y/t]$ . This is possible by Fact 22.

Define

(8) 
$$\mathcal{H} = \{ b \in \mathcal{F} \cap r[t, A/s] : \exists a \in \mathcal{F} \cap r[s, Y/t](f(a) = f(b)) \}.$$

Define  $\mathcal{X} = \bigcup \{ [b, A] : b \in \mathcal{H} \}$ . Then  $\mathcal{X}$  is an open set, so by the Abstract Ellentuck Theorem, there is a  $B \in [\operatorname{depth}_X(s, t), A]$  such that either  $[\operatorname{depth}_X(s, t), B] \subseteq \mathcal{X}$  or else  $[\operatorname{depth}_X(s, t), B] \cap \mathcal{X} = \emptyset$ .

If  $[\operatorname{depth}_X(s,t), B] \cap \mathcal{X} = \emptyset$ , then for each  $b \in \mathcal{F} \cap r[t, B/s]$  and each  $a \in \mathcal{F} \cap r[s, Y/t]$ , we have that  $f(a) \neq f(b)$ . Since  $r[s, B/t] \subseteq r[s, A/t] \subseteq r[s, Y/t]$ , we have that B separates s and t, a contradiction. Thus,  $[\operatorname{depth}_X(s,t), B] \subseteq \mathcal{X}$ .

Since depth<sub>X</sub>(u)  $\leq$  depth<sub>X</sub>(s), it follows that  $B \in \text{Ext}(t, u, X)$ ; so B mixes t and u. Take  $b \in \mathcal{F} \cap r[t, B/u]$  and  $c \in \mathcal{F} \cap r[u, B/t]$  such that f(b) = f(c). Since  $[\text{depth}_X(s, t), B] \subseteq \mathcal{X}$ , it follows that  $\mathcal{F} \cap r[t, B/s] \subseteq \mathcal{H}$ . Thus, there is an  $a \in \mathcal{F} \cap r[s, Y/t]$  such that f(a) = f(b). Hence, f(a) = f(c). Note that  $a \in r[s, Y/u]$  trivially, since depth<sub>X</sub>(u)  $\leq$  depth<sub>X</sub>(s). Moreover,  $c \in r[u, Y/s]$ : To see this, note first that  $r[u, B/t] \subseteq r[u, A/t]$ . Secondly, A = Y if depth<sub>X</sub>(t)  $\leq$  depth<sub>X</sub>(s), and  $r[u, A/t] \subseteq r[u, Y/t]$  if depth<sub>X</sub>(t) > depth<sub>X</sub>(s). Therefore, Y mixes s and u.  $\Box$ 

Next, we define the notion of a hereditary property, and give a general lemma about fusion to obtain a member of  $\mathcal{E}_k$  on which a hereditary property holds.

**Definition 26.** A property P(s, X) defined on  $\mathcal{AR} \times \mathcal{R}$  is *hereditary* if whenever  $X \in \text{Ext}(s)$  and P(s, X) holds, then also P(s, Y) holds for all  $Y \in [\text{depth}_X(s), X]$ . Similarly, a property P(s, t, X) defined on  $\mathcal{AR} \times \mathcal{AR} \times \mathcal{R}$  is *hereditary* if whenever P(s, t, X) holds, then also P(s, t, Y) holds for all  $Y \in [\text{depth}_X(s, t), X]$ .

**Lemma 27.** Let  $P(\cdot, \cdot)$  be a hereditary property on  $\mathcal{AR} \times \mathcal{R}$ . If whenever  $X \in \text{Ext}(s)$  there is a  $Y \in [\text{depth}_X(s), X]$  such that P(s, Y), then for each  $Z \in \mathcal{R}$ , there is a  $Z' \leq Z$  such that for all  $s \in \mathcal{AR}|Z'$ , P(s, Z') holds.

Likewise, suppose  $P(\cdot, \cdot, \cdot)$  is a hereditary property on  $\mathcal{AR} \times \mathcal{AR} \times \mathcal{R}$ . If whenever  $X \in \text{Ext}(s,t)$  there is a  $Y \in [\text{depth}_X(s,t), X]$  such that P(s,t,Y), then for each  $Z \in \mathcal{R}$ , there is a  $Z' \leq Z$  such that for all  $s, t \in \mathcal{AR} | Z'$ , P(s,t,Z') holds.

The proof of Lemma 27 is straightforward; being very similar to that of Lemma 4.6 in [7], we omit it.

**Lemma 28.** Given any front  $\mathcal{F}$  and function  $f : \mathcal{F} \to \omega$ , there is an  $X \in \mathcal{E}_k$  such that for all  $s, t \in \hat{\mathcal{F}} | X, X$  decides s and t.

Lemma 28 follows immediately from Lemma 27 and the fact that mixing and separating are hereditary properties.

For  $a \in \mathcal{AR}$  and  $\vec{l} \in (k+1)^{|a|}$ , we shall let  $\pi_{\vec{l}}(a)$  denote  $\{\pi_{l_m}(a(m)) : m < |a|\}$ .

**Definition 29.** A map  $\varphi$  on a front  $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \mathcal{AR}$  is called

- (1) inner if for each  $a \in \mathcal{F}$ ,  $\varphi(a) = \pi_{\vec{l}}(a)$ , for some  $\vec{l} \in (k+1)^{|a|}$ .
- (2) Nash-Williams if for all pairs  $a, b \in \mathcal{F}$ , whenever  $\varphi(b) = \pi_{\overline{l}}(b)$  and there is some  $n \leq |b|$  such that  $\varphi(a) = \pi_{(l_0, \dots, l_{n-1})}(r_n(b))$ , then  $\varphi(a) = \varphi(b)$ .
- (3) *irreducible* if it is inner and Nash-Williams.

**Definition 30** (Canonical equivalence relations on a front). Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a front on  $\mathcal{E}_k$ . An equivalence relation R on  $\mathcal{F}$  is *canonical* if and only if there is an irreducible map  $\varphi$  canonizing R on  $\mathcal{F}$ , meaning that for all  $a, b \in \mathcal{F}$ ,  $a R a \longleftrightarrow \varphi(a) = \varphi(b)$ .

We shall show in Theorem 31 (to be proved after Theorem 33) that, similarly to the Ellentuck space, irreducible maps on  $\mathcal{E}_k$  are unique in the following sense.

**Theorem 31.** Let R be an equivalence relation on some front  $\mathcal{F}$  on  $\mathcal{E}_k$ . Suppose  $\varphi$  and  $\varphi'$  are irreducible maps canonizing R. Then there is an  $A \in \mathcal{E}_k$  such that for each  $a \in \mathcal{F}|A, \varphi(a) = \varphi'(a)$ .

**Definition 32.** For each pair  $X, Y \in \mathcal{E}_k$ ,  $m, n < \omega$ , and  $l \leq k$ , define

(9) 
$$X(m) E_l Y(n) \longleftrightarrow \pi_l(X(m)) = \pi_l(Y(m)).$$

Note that  $X(m) E_0 Y(n)$  for all X, Y and m, n, and  $X(m) E_k Y(n)$  if and only if X(m) = Y(n). Let  $\mathfrak{E}_k$  denote  $\{E_l : l \leq k\}$ , the set of *canonical equivalence relations* on 1-extensions.

We now prove the Ramsey-classification theorem for equivalence relations on fronts. The proof generally follows the same form as that of Theorem 4.14 in [7], the modifications either being proved or pointed out. One of the main differences is that, in our spaces  $\mathcal{E}_k$ , for any given  $s \leq_{\text{fin}} X$  there will be many  $Y \leq X$  such that s cannot be extended into Y, and this has to be handled with care. The other main difference is the type of inner Nash-Williams maps for our spaces here necessitate quite different proofs of Claims 1 and 2 from their analagous statements in [7]. Finally, analogously to the Ellentuck space, the canonical equivalence relations are given by irreducible maps which are unique in the sense of Theorem 31. This was not the case for the topological Ramsey spaces in [7], [5] and [4], which can have different inner Nash-Williams maps canonizing the same equivalence relation; for those spaces, we showed that the right canonical map is the maximal one.

**Theorem 33** (Ramsey-classification Theorem). Let  $2 \leq k < \omega$  be fixed. Given  $A \in \mathcal{E}_k$  and an equivalence relation R on a front  $\mathcal{F}$  on A, there is a member  $B \leq A$  such that R restricted to  $\mathcal{F}|B$  is canonical.

*Proof.* By Lemma 28 and shrinking A if necessary, we may assume that for all  $s, t \in \hat{\mathcal{F}}|A$ , A decides for s and t. For  $n < \omega$ ,  $s \in \mathcal{AR}_n$ ,  $X \in \text{Ext}(s)$ , and  $E \in \mathfrak{E}_k$ , we shall say that X E-mixes s if and only if for all  $a, b \in r_{n+1}[s, X]$ ,

(10) 
$$X \text{ mixes } a \text{ and } b \iff a(n) E b(n).$$

**Claim 1.** There is an  $A' \leq A$  such that for each  $s \in (\hat{\mathcal{F}} \setminus \mathcal{F})|A'$ , letting n = |s|, the following holds: There is a canonical equivalence relation  $E_s \in \mathfrak{E}_k$  such that for all  $a, b \in r_{n+1}[s, A']$ , B mixes a and b if and only if  $a(n) E_s b(n)$ . Moreover,  $n \in N_l^k$  implies  $E_s$  cannot be  $E_j$  for any  $1 \leq j \leq l$ .

*Proof.* Let  $X \leq A$  be given and  $s \in (\hat{\mathcal{F}} \setminus \mathcal{F})|A$ . Let n = |s| and l < k be such that  $n \in N_l^k$ . We will show that there is a  $Y \in [\operatorname{depth}_X(s), X]$  and either j = 0 or else a  $l < j \leq k$  such that for each  $a, b \in r_{n+1}[s, Y]$ , Y mixes a and b if and only if  $a(n) E_j b(n)$ . The Claim will then immediately follow from Lemma 27.

First, let m > n be least such that for any  $a \in r_{m+1}[s, X]$ ,  $\pi_l(a(m)) = \pi_l(a(n))$  but  $\pi_{l+1}(a(m)) > \pi_{l+1}(a(n))$ . Define

(11) 
$$\mathcal{H}_{l+1} = \{ a \in r_{m+1}[s, X] : A \text{ mixes } s \cup a(m) \text{ and } s \cup a(n) \}.$$

By the Abstract Nash-Williams Theorem, there is a  $Y_{l+1} \in [s, X]$  such that either  $r_{m+1}[s, Y_{l+1}] \subseteq \mathcal{H}_{l+1}$ , or else  $r_{m+1}[s, Y_{l+1}] \cap \mathcal{H}_{l+1} = \emptyset$ . If  $r_{m+1}[s, Y_{l+1}] \subseteq \mathcal{H}_{l+1}$ , then every pair of 1-extensions of s into  $Y_{l+1}$  is mixed by A; hence,  $E_s \upharpoonright r_{n+1}[s, Y_{l+1}]$  is given by  $E_0$ . In this case, let  $A' = Y_{l+1}$ . Otherwise,  $r_{m+1}[s, Y_{l+1}] \cap \mathcal{H}_{l+1} = \emptyset$ , so every pair of 1-extensions of s into  $Y_{l+1}$  which differ on level l+1 is separated by A.

For the induction step, for  $l+1 \leq j < k$ , suppose that  $Y_j$  is given and every pair of 1-extensions of s into  $Y_j$  which differ on level j is separated by A. Let m > nbe least such that for any  $a \in r_{m+1}[s, X]$ ,  $\pi_j(a(m)) = \pi_j(a(n))$  but  $\pi_{j+1}(a(m)) \neq \pi_{j+1}(a(n))$ . Define

(12) 
$$\mathcal{H}_{j+1} = \{a \in r_{m+1}[s, X] : A \text{ mixes } s \cup a(m) \text{ and } s \cup a(n)\}$$

By the Abstract Nash-Williams Theorem, there is a  $Y_{j+1} \in [s, Y_j]$  such that either  $r_{m+1}[s, Y_{j+1}] \subseteq \mathcal{H}_{j+1}$ , or else  $r_{m+1}[s, Y_{j+1}] \cap \mathcal{H}_{j+1} = \emptyset$ . If  $r_{m+1}[s, Y_{j+1}] \subseteq \mathcal{H}_{j+1}$ , then every pair of 1-extensions of s into  $Y_{j+1}$  is mixed by A; hence,  $E_s \upharpoonright r_{n+1}[s, Y_{j+1}] = E_{j+1}$ . In this case, let  $A' = Y_{j+1}$ .

Otherwise,  $r_{m+1}[s, Y_{j+1}] \cap \mathcal{H}_{j+1} = \emptyset$ , so every pair of 1-extensions of s into  $Y_{j+1}$  which differ on level j + 1 is separated by A. If j + 1 < k, continue the induction scheme. If the induction process terminates at some stage j + 1 < k, then letting  $A' = Y_{j+1}$  satisfies the claim. Otherwise, the induction does not terminate before j + 1 = k, in which case  $E_s \upharpoonright r_{n+1}[s, Y_k] = E_k$  and we let  $A' = Y_k$ .

The above arguments show that  $E_s \upharpoonright r_{n+1}[a, A']$  is given by  $E_j$ , where either j = 0 or else  $l < j \leq k$ .

For  $s \in \mathcal{AR}_n|A'$ , let  $E_s$  denote the canonical equivalence relation for mixing 1-extensions of s in  $r_{n+1}[s, A']$  from Claim 1, and let  $\pi_s$  denote the projection map on  $\{t(n) : t \in r_{n+1}[s, A']\}$  determined by  $E_s$ . Thus, for  $a \in r_{n+1}[s, A']$ , if  $n \in N_l^k$ , then

(13) 
$$\pi_s(a(n)) = \emptyset \longleftrightarrow E_s = E_0,$$

and for  $l < j \leq k$ ,

(14) 
$$\pi_s(a(n)) = \pi_j(a(n)) \longleftrightarrow E_s = E_j.$$

**Definition 34.** For  $t \in \hat{\mathcal{F}}|A'$ , define

(15) 
$$\varphi(t) = \{\pi_s(t(m)) : s \sqsubset t \text{ and } m = |s|\}$$

It follows immediately from the definition that  $\varphi$  is an inner map on  $\mathcal{F}|A'$ .

The next fact is straightforward, its proof so closely resembling that of Claim 4.17 in [7] that we do not include it here.

**Fact 35.** Suppose  $s \in (\hat{\mathcal{F}} \setminus \mathcal{F})|A'$  and  $t \in \hat{\mathcal{F}}|A'$ .

- (1) Suppose  $s \in \mathcal{AR}_n | A' \text{ and } a, b \in r_{n+1}[s, A']$ . If A' mixes a and t and A' mixes b and t, then  $a(n) E_s b(n)$ .
- (2) If  $s \sqsubset t$  and  $\varphi(s) = \varphi(t)$ , then A' mixes s and t.

The next lemma is the crux of the proof of the theorem.

**Claim 2.** There is a  $B \leq A'$  such that for all  $s, t \in (\hat{\mathcal{F}} \setminus \mathcal{F})|B$  which are mixed by B, the following holds: For all  $a \in r_{|s|+1}[s, B/t]$  and  $b \in r_{|t|+1}[t, B/s]$ , B mixes a and b if and only if  $\pi_s(a(|s|)) = \pi_t(b(|t|))$ .

*Proof.* We will show that for all pairs  $s, t \in (\hat{\mathcal{F}} \setminus \mathcal{F})|A'$  which are mixed by A', for each  $X \in \text{Ext}(s, t, A')$ , there is a  $Y \in [\text{depth}_X(s, t), X]$  such that for all  $a \in r_{|s|+1}[s, Y/t]$  and  $b \in r_{|t|+1}[t, Y/s]$ , A' mixes a and b if and only of  $\varphi_s(a(|s|)) = \varphi_t(b(|t|))$ . The conclusion will then follow from Fact 24 and Lemma 27.

Suppose  $s, t \in (\mathcal{F} \setminus \mathcal{F}) | A'$  are mixed by A'. Let  $m = |s|, n = |t|, X \in \text{Ext}(s, t, A')$ , and  $d = \text{depth}_X(s, t)$ .

Subclaim 1.  $E_s = E_0$  if and only if  $E_t = E_0$ .

Proof. Suppose toward a contradiction that  $E_s = E_0$  but  $E_t \neq E_0$ . Let l < k be such that  $n \in N_l^k$ . Then  $E_t \neq E_0$  implies  $E_t = E_p$  for some l , by Claim 1. $Fact 35 (1) implies that there is at most one <math>E_t$  equivalence class of 1-extensions bof t for which b is mixed with each 1-extension of s. If each  $b \in r_{n+1}[t, X/s]$  is not mixed with any  $a \in r_{m+1}[s, X/t]$ , then X separates s and t, a contradiction. So, suppose  $b \in r_{n+1}[t, X/s]$  is mixed with some  $a \in r_{m+1}[s, X/t]$ . By Fact 35 (2), all 1extensions a, a' of s are mixed. Hence, X mixes b with every  $a \in r_{m+1}[s, X/t]$ . Take  $Y \in [d, X]$  such that, for the j < k such that  $d \in N_j^k$ , max  $\pi_{j+1}(Y(d)) > \max b$ . Then for each  $b' \in r_{n+1}[t, Y/s]$ ,  $\pi_p(b') > \pi_p(b)$ , so  $b' \not \!\!\!E_t b$ . Hence, b' is separated from each  $a \in r_{m+1}[s, Y/t]$ . But this contradicts that X mixes s and t. Therefore,  $E_t$  must also be  $E_0$ .

Suppose both  $E_s$  and  $E_t$  are  $E_0$ . Then for all  $a \in r_{m+1}[s, X/t]$  and  $b \in r_{n+1}[t, X/s]$ , A' mixes a and b, by Fact 35 (2) and transitivity of mixing. At the same time,  $\pi_s(a(m)) = \pi_t(b(n)) = \emptyset$ . In this case simply let Y = X.

Subclaim 2. Assume that  $E_s \neq E_0$  and  $E_t \neq E_0$ . Let p, q be the numbers such that  $m \in N_p^k$  and  $n \in N_q^k$ . If  $p \neq q$ , then A separates s and t.

Proof. Since both  $E_s$  and  $E_t$  are not  $E_0$ , there are some j, l such that  $p < j \le k$ ,  $q < l \le k$ ,  $E_s = E_j$ , and  $E_t = E_l$ . Suppose without loss of generality that q < p. Since  $m \in N_p^k$ , it follows that for each  $a \in r_{m+1}[s, A'/t], \pi_p(a(m)) \in \pi_p(s)$ . Furthermore,  $\max \pi_p(a(m)) < \max r_d(A')$ , and  $\max \pi_{p+1}(a(m)) > \max(r_d(A'))$ , where  $d = \operatorname{depth}_{A'}(s, t)$ . Since  $n \in N_q^k$ , it follows that for each  $b \in r_{n+1}[t, A'/s]$ ,  $\max \pi_{q+1}(b(n)) > \max r_d(A')$ . Since q < p, every pair of 1-extensions of s have the same  $\pi_{q+1}$  value. On the other hand, every pair of 1-extensions of t with different

 $\pi_{q+1}$  values are separated, since  $l \ge q+1$ . In particular, a(m) is never equal to b(n), for all  $a \in r_{m+1}[s, A'/t]$  and  $b \in r_{n+1}[t, A'/s]$ .

Let n' > d be minimal in  $N_q^k$  such that there is an  $m' \in N_p^k$  with  $d \le m' < n'$ , and such that for each  $c \in r_{n'+1}[d, A']$ , both  $s \cup c(m') \in r_{m+1}[s, A'/t]$  and  $t \cup c(n') \in r_{n+1}[t, A'/s]$ . Define

(16) 
$$\mathcal{H}' = \{ c \in r_{n'+1}[d, A'] : A \text{ mixes } s \cup c(m') \text{ and } t \cup c(n') \}.$$

Let m'' > d be minimal in  $N_p^k$  such that there is an  $n'' \in N_q^k$  with  $d \leq n'' < m''$ , and such that for each  $c \in r_{m''+1}[d, A']$ , both  $s \cup c(m'') \in r_{m+1}[s, A'/t]$  and  $t \cup c(n'') \in r_{n+1}[t, A'/s]$ . Define

(17)  $\mathcal{H}'' = \{ c \in r_{m''+1}[d, A'] : A \text{ mixes } s \cup c(m'') \text{ and } t \cup c(n'') \}.$ 

Take  $Y \in [d, A']$  homogeneous for both  $\mathcal{H}'$  and  $\mathcal{H}''$ .

If  $r_{n'+1}[d, Y] \subseteq \mathcal{H}'$ , then there are two different 1-extensions of t in Y above s which are not  $E_t$ -related, yet are both mixed with the same extension of s, a contradiction, since mixing is transitive. Similarly, if  $r_{n'+1}[d, Y] \subseteq \mathcal{H}''$ , we obtain a contradiction. Thus, both  $r_{n'+1}[d, Y] \cap \mathcal{H}' = \emptyset$  and  $r_{m''+1}[d, Y] \cap \mathcal{H}'' = \emptyset$ ; hence Y separates s and t.

Similarly, if p < q, we conclude that there is a  $Y \in [d, A']$  which separates s and t. Since A already decides s and t, it follows that A separates s and t.  $\Box$ 

By Subclaim 2, s and t being mixed by A implies that p and q must be equal. Further, s and t mixed by A also implies j must equal l. To see this, supposing that j < l, let  $d \le m' < n'$  be such that  $m' \in N_p^k$  and  $n' \in N_q^k$ , and such that for each  $c \in r_{n'+1}[d, A']$ , both  $s \cup c(m') \in r_{m+1}[s, A'/t]$  and  $t \cup c(n') \in r_{n+1}[t, A'/s]$ . Let

(18) 
$$\mathcal{H} = \{ c \in r_{n'+1}[d, A'] : A \text{ mixes } s \cup c(m') \text{ and } t \cup c(n') \}$$

Then taking  $Y \in [d, A']$  homogenous for  $\mathcal{H}$ , we find that Y must separate these extensions of s and t. Likewise, for n' < m'. Similarly, if l < j, we find a  $Y \in [d, A']$  which separates s and t, a contradiction. Therefore, j = l.

Subclaim 3. There is a  $Y \in [d, X]$  such that for all  $a \in r_{m+1}[s, Y/t]$  and  $b \in r_{n+1}[t, Y/s]$ , Y mixes a and b if and only if  $\pi_s(a(m)) = \pi_t(b(n))$ .

*Proof.* We have already shown that A mixing s and t implies that p = q and j = l. For each pair  $j + 1 \leq j' \leq k$  and  $\rho \in \{<, =, >\}$ , choose minimal  $m', n' \in N_p^k$  such that m', n' > d,  $m' \rho n'$ , and for each  $c \in r_{\max(m',n')+1}[d, A']$ , both  $s \cup c(m') \in r_{m+1}[s, A'/t]$  and  $t \cup c(n') \in r_{n+1}[t, A'/s]$ . For each such quadruple  $(j', m', n', \rho)$ , let  $\mathcal{H}_{(j',m',n',\rho)}$  denote the set of all  $c \in r_{\max(m',n')+1}[d, X]$  such that A mixes  $s \cup c(m')$  and  $t \cup c(n')$ . Take a  $Y \in [d, X]$  which is homogeneous for all these sets. Since there are only finitely many such quadruples, such a Y exists.

Let  $a \in r_{m+1}[s, Y/t]$  and  $b \in r_{n+1}[t, Y/s]$ . Let m', n' be least such that there is a  $c \in r_{\max(m',n')+1}[d, Y]$  such that a(m) = c(m') and b(n) = c(n'). Let  $\rho \in \{<, =$  $,>\}$  be the relation such that  $m' \rho n'$ . If  $\pi_j(a(m)) \neq \pi_j(b(n))$ , then  $\rho \neq =$ . If Ymixes a and b, then in the case that  $\rho$  is <, there are  $c, c' \in r_{n'+1}[d, Y]$  such that c(m') = c'(m') but  $\pi_j(c(n')) \neq \pi_j(c'(n'))$ . If  $r_{n'+1}[d, Y] \subseteq \mathcal{H}_{(j',m',n',\rho)}$ , then by transitivity of mixing, Y mixes  $s \cup c(n')$  and  $s \cup c'(n')$ . But this contradicts Claim 1, since  $\pi_j(c(n')) \neq \pi_j(c'(n'))$ . Therefore, it must be the case that  $r_{n'+1}[d, Y] \cap \mathcal{H}_{(j',m',n',\rho)} = \emptyset$ , and hence, Y separates a and b. Likewise, if  $\rho$  is >, we find that Y separates a and b. Since by our assumption s and t are mixed by A and  $Y \leq A$ , s and t are mixed by Y. Thus, there must be some 1-extensions of s and t in Y which are mixed by Y. The only option left is that Y mixes a and b when  $\pi_l(a(m)) = \pi_l(b(n))$ . Thus, a and b are mixed by Y if and only if  $\pi_l(a(m)) = \pi_l(b(n))$ .

By Subclaim 3 and Lemma 27, the Claim holds.

The next claim and its proof are similar to Claim 4.19 in [7]. We include it, as the modifications might not be obvious to the reader referring to [7].

# **Claim 3.** For all $s, t \in \hat{\mathcal{F}}|B$ , if $\varphi(s) = \varphi(t)$ , then B mixes s and t.

*Proof.* Suppose that  $\varphi(s) = \varphi(t)$ . By the definition of  $\varphi$ , it follows that for all n,  $\varphi(s) \cap \{\pi_l(B(m)) : l \leq k, m < n\} = \varphi(t) \cap \{\pi_l(B(m)) : l \leq k, m < n\}$ . We show by induction that B mixes  $s \cap r_n(B)$  and  $t \cap r_n(B)$  for all n. For the basis,  $s \cap r_0(B) = t \cap r_0(B) = \emptyset$ , so B trivially mixes  $s \cap r_0(B)$  and  $t \cap r_0(B)$ .

Suppose that B mixes  $s \cap r_n(B)$  and  $t \cap r_n(B)$ . Let i, j be such that  $r_i(s) = s \cap r_n(B)$  and  $r_j(t) = t \cap r_n(B)$ . If  $s \cap B(n) = t \cap B(n) = \emptyset$ , then B mixes  $s \cap r_{n+1}(B)$  and  $t \cap r_{n+1}(B)$ . If  $s \cap B(n) \neq \emptyset$ , then  $s(i) = s \cap B(n)$ . If  $t \cap B(n) = \emptyset$ , then  $E_{r_i(s)}$  must be  $E_{\emptyset}$ , since  $\varphi(s) = \varphi(t)$ . Then B mixes  $r_i(s)$  and  $r_{i+1}(s)$ , which equals  $s \cap r_{n+1}(B)$ . Thus, B mixes  $s \cap r_{n+1}(B)$  and  $t \cap r_{n+1}(B)$ , since  $t \cap r_{n+1}(B) = t \cap r_n(B)$ . Otherwise,  $t \cap B(n) \neq \emptyset$ , in which case  $t(j) = t \cap B(n)$ . Since  $\varphi$  is inner and  $\varphi(s) = \varphi(t)$ , there is an  $l \leq k$  such that  $\varphi(s) \cap \{\pi_{l'}(B(n)) : l' \leq k\} = \varphi(t) \cap \{\pi_{l'}(B(n)) : l' \leq k\} = \pi_l(B(n))$ . This implies that  $\varphi_{r_i(s)}(s(i)) = \varphi_{r_j(t)}(t(j))$ . By Claim 2, B mixes  $r_{i+1}(s) = s \cap r_{n+1}(B)$  and  $r_{j+1}(t) = t \cap r_{n+1}(B)$ . The case when  $s \cap B(n) = \emptyset$  and  $t \cap B(n) \neq \emptyset$  is similar. Thus, by induction, we find that B mixes s and t.

Claim 3 and Fact 35 (1) imply that  $\varphi$  is a Nash-Williams function on  $\mathcal{F}|B$ . As the proof is almost identical to that of Claim 4.20 in [7], we omit it. We finally obtain that for all  $s, t \in \mathcal{F}|B$ , if f(s) = f(t), then  $\varphi(s) = \varphi(t)$ , by a proof similar to that of Claim 4.21 in [7].

This concludes the proof of the Ramsey-classification theorem.

We now prove that irreducible maps are unique, up to restriction below some member of the space.

Proof of Theorem 31. Let R be an equivalence relation on some front  $\mathcal{F}$  on  $\mathcal{E}_k$ , and let  $A \in \mathcal{E}_k$  be such that the irreducible map  $\varphi$  from the proof of Theorem 33 canonizes R on  $\mathcal{F}|A$ . Let  $\varphi'$  be any irreducible map canonizing R on  $\mathcal{F}$ . Then  $\varphi'$  is a map from  $\mathcal{F}$  into an infinite set, namely  $[\widehat{W}_k]^{<\omega}$ . Applying the proof of Theorem 33 to  $\varphi'$ , we find a  $B \leq A$  such that for each  $t \in \mathcal{F}|B$  and n < |t|, there is a sequence  $\langle l_{t,0}, \ldots, l_{t,|t|-1} \rangle$  such that for each  $n < |t|, \varphi'(t) \cap \widehat{t(n)} = \pi_{l_n}(t(n))$ , and  $\varphi'(t) = \{\pi_{l_i}(t(i)) : i < |t|\}$ . Now if  $\varphi(t) \neq \varphi'(t)$  for some  $t \in \mathcal{F}|B$ , then there is some n < |t| for which  $\varphi(t) \cap \widehat{t(n)} \neq \varphi'(t) \cap \widehat{t(n)}$ . Let m denote the integer less than k such that  $\pi_{r_n(t)} = \pi_m$ . If  $l_{t,n} < m$ , then there are  $s, s' \in \mathcal{F}|B$  such that  $s, s' \supseteq r_n(t)$  and  $\varphi(s) = \varphi(s')$ , but  $\pi_m(s(n)) \neq \pi_m(s'(n))$  and hence  $\varphi'(s) \neq \varphi'(s')$ . This contradicts that  $\varphi$  and  $\varphi'$  canonize the same equivalence relation. Likewise, if  $m < l_{t,n}$ , we obtain a contradiction. Therefore,  $\varphi(t)$  must equal  $\varphi'(t)$  for all  $t \in \mathcal{F}|B$ .

As a corollary of Theorem 33, we obtain the following canonization theorem for the finite rank fronts  $\mathcal{AR}_n$ , the case of n = 1 providing a higher order analogue of the Erdős-Rado Theorem (see [9]) for the Ellentuck space.

**Corollary 36.** Let  $k \geq 2$ ,  $n \geq 1$ , and R be an equivalence relation on  $\mathcal{AR}_n$  on the space  $\mathcal{E}_k$ . Then there is an  $A \in \mathcal{E}_k$  and there are  $l_i \leq k$  (i < n) such that for each pair  $a, b \in \mathcal{AR}_n | A$ , a Rb if and only if for each i < n,  $\pi_{l_i}(a(i)) = \pi_{l_i}(b(i))$ . Moreover, for each i < n, if m is such that  $i \in N_m^k$ , then either  $l_i = 0$  or else  $m + 1 \leq l_i \leq k$ .

# 5. BASIC COFINAL MAPS FROM THE GENERIC ULTRAFILTERS

In Theorem 20 in [6], it was proved that every monotone cofinal map from a p-point into another ultrafilter is actually continuous, after restricting below some member of the p-point. This property of p-points was key in [13], [7], [5], and [4] to pulling out a Rudin-Keisler map on a front from a cofinal map on an ultrafilter, thereby, along with the appropriate Ramsey-classification theorem, allowing for a fine analysis of initial Tukey structures in terms of Rudin-Keisler isomorphism types. Although the generic ultrafilters under consideration here do not admit continuous cofinal maps, they do possess the key property allowing for the analysis of Tukey reducibility in terms of Rudin-Keisler maps on a front. We prove in Theorem 38 that each monotone map from the generic ultrafilter  $\mathcal{G}_k$  for  $\mathcal{P}(\omega^k)/\operatorname{Fin}^{\otimes k}$  into  $\mathcal{P}(\omega)$  is *basic* (see Definition 37) on a filter base for  $\mathcal{G}_k$ , which implies that it is represented by a finitary function. This is sufficient for analyzing Tukey reducibility in terms of Rudin-Keisler maps on fronts. In the next section, Theorem 38 will combine with Theorem 33 to prove that the initial Tukey structure of nonprincipal ultrafilters below  $\mathcal{G}_k$  is exactly a chain of length  $k: \mathcal{G}_k >_T \pi_{k-1}(\mathcal{G}_k) >_T \cdots >_T \pi_1(\mathcal{G}_k)$ .

In Theorem 42 in [1], we proved that each monotone cofinal map from  $\mathcal{G}_2$  to some other ultrafilter is represented by a monotone finitary map which preserves initial segments. Here, we extend that result to all  $\mathcal{G}_k$ ,  $k \geq 2$ . Slightly refining Definition 41 in [1] and extending it to all  $\mathcal{E}_k$ , we have the following notion of a canonical cofinal map.

Given that  $\mathcal{P}(\omega^k)/\operatorname{Fin}^{\otimes k}$  is forcing equivalent to  $(\mathcal{E}_k, \subseteq^{\operatorname{Fin}^{\otimes k}})$ , we from now on let  $\mathcal{B}_k$  denote  $\mathcal{G}_k \cap \mathcal{E}_k$ , where we identify  $[\omega]^2$  with the upper triangle  $\{(i, j) : i < j < \omega\}$ .

**Definition 37.** Let  $2 \leq k < \omega$ . Given  $Y \in \mathcal{B}_k$ , a monotone map  $g : \mathcal{B}_k | Y \to \mathcal{P}(\omega)$  is *basic* if there is a map  $\hat{g} : \mathcal{AR} | Y \to [\omega]^{<\omega}$  such that

- (1) (monotonicity) For all  $s, t \in \mathcal{AR}|Y, s \subseteq t \to \hat{g}(s) \subseteq \hat{g}(t)$ ;
- (2) (end-extension preserving) For  $s \sqsubset t$  in  $\mathcal{AR}|Y, \hat{g}(s) \sqsubseteq \hat{g}(t)$ ;
- (3)  $(\hat{g} \text{ represents } g)$  For each  $V \in \mathcal{B}_k | Y, g(V) = \bigcup_{n < \omega} \hat{g}(r_n(V)).$

**Theorem 38** (Basic monotone maps on  $\mathcal{G}_k$ ). Let  $2 \leq k < \omega$  and  $\mathcal{G}_k$  generic for  $\mathcal{P}(\omega^k)/\operatorname{Fin}^{\otimes k}$  be given. In  $V[\mathcal{G}_k]$ , for each monotone function  $g: \mathcal{G}_k \to \mathcal{P}(\omega)$ , there is a  $Y \in \mathcal{B}_k$  such that  $g \upharpoonright (\mathcal{B}_k|Y)$  is basic.

It follows that every monotone cofinal map  $g : \mathcal{G}_k \to \mathcal{V}$  is represented by a monotone finitary map on the filter base  $\mathcal{B}_k|Y$ , for some  $Y \in \mathcal{G}_k$ .

*Proof.* We force with  $(\mathcal{E}_k, \subseteq^{\operatorname{Fin}^{\otimes k}})$ , as it is forcing equivalent to  $\mathcal{P}(\omega^k)/\operatorname{Fin}^{\otimes k}$ . Let  $\dot{g}$  be an  $(\mathcal{E}_k, \subseteq^{\operatorname{Fin}^{\otimes k}})$ -name such that  $\Vdash$  " $\dot{g} : \dot{\mathcal{G}}_k \to \mathcal{P}(\omega)$  is monotone." Recall that  $\prec$  is a well-ordering on  $\omega^{\not{l} \leq k}$  with order-type  $\omega$ , and that  $\langle \tilde{j}_m : m < \omega \rangle$  denotes

the  $\prec$ -increasing well-ordering of  $\omega^{\not l \leq k}$ . Let  $\mathcal{AR}^*$  denote the collection of all trees of the form  $\{Z(j_m) : m < n\}$ , where  $Z \in \mathcal{E}_k$  and  $m < \omega$ . Note that for those  $n < \omega$ for which  $\vec{j}_n$  has length k,  $\{Z(\vec{j}_m) : m \leq n\}$  is a member of  $\mathcal{AR}$ .

Fix an  $A_0 \in \mathcal{E}_k$ , and let  $X_0 = A_0$ . We now begin the recursive construction of the sequences  $(A_n)_{n < \omega}$  and  $(X_n)_{n < \omega}$ . Let  $n \ge 1$  be given, and suppose we have chosen  $X_{n-1}, A_{n-1}$ . Let  $y_n = \{X_{n-1}(\vec{j}_m) : m \leq n\}$ . Let  $S_n$  denote the set of all  $z \in \mathcal{AR}^*$  such that  $z \subseteq y_n$ . Enumerate the members of  $S_n$  as  $z_n^p$ ,  $p < |S_n|$ . Let  $X_n^{-1} = X_{n-1}$  and  $A_n^{-1} = A_{n-1}$ . Suppose  $p < |S_n| - 1$  and we have chosen  $X_n^{p-1}$ and  $A_n^{p-1}$ .

If there are  $V, A \in \mathcal{E}_k$  with  $A \subseteq^{\operatorname{Fin}^{\otimes k}} V \subseteq X_n^{p-1}$  such that

- (i)  $\widehat{V} \cap y_n = z_n^p;$ (ii)  $A \Vdash n 1 \notin \dot{g}(V);$

**then** take  $A_n^p$  and  $V_n^p$  to be some such A and V. In this case,  $A_n^p \Vdash n \notin \dot{g}(V_n^p)$ . Hence, by monotonicity,  $A_n^p \Vdash n \notin \dot{g}(V)$  for every  $V \subseteq V_n^p$ . In this case, let  $X_n^p$  be a member of  $\mathcal{E}_k$  such that  $X_n^p \subseteq X_n^{p-1}$ ,  $y_n \sqsubset \widehat{X}_n^p$ , and whenever  $W \subseteq X_n^p$  such that  $W \cap y_n = z_n^p$ , then  $W \subseteq V_n^p$ .

**Otherwise**, for all  $V \subseteq X_n^{p-1}$  satisfying (i), there is no  $A \subseteq^{\operatorname{Fin}^{\otimes k}} V$  which forces  $n \notin \dot{g}(V)$ . Thus, for all  $V \subseteq X_n^{p-1}$  satisfying (i),  $V \Vdash n \in \dot{g}(V)$ . In this case, let  $A_n^p = A_n^{p-1}, X_n^p = X_n^{p-1}$ , and define  $V_n^p$  to be the largest subset of  $X_n^p$  in  $\mathcal{E}_k$  such that  $\widehat{V}_n^p \cap y_n = z_n^p$ .

By this construction, we have that for each  $n \ge 1$ ,

(\*)  $A_n^p$  decides the statement " $n-1 \in \dot{g}(V)$ ",

for each  $V \subseteq X_n^p$  such that  $\widehat{V} \cap y_n = z_n^p$ . Let  $A_n = A_n^{|S_n|-1}$  and  $X_n = X_n^{|S_n|-1}$ . This ends the recursive construction of the  $A_n$  and  $X_n$ .

Let Y be the set of maximal nodes in the tree  $\bigcup_{1 \le n \le \omega} y_n$ . Note that Y is a member of  $\mathcal{E}_k$ . For  $y \in \mathcal{AR}^*$  and  $U \in \mathcal{E}_k$ , we let U/y denote the set  $\{U(\vec{i}_m) : m < \omega\}$ and  $\max U(\vec{i}_m) > \max y$ .

**Claim 4.** For each  $V \subseteq Y$  in  $\mathcal{E}_k$  and each  $n \geq 1$ , if p is such that  $z_n^p = \widehat{V} \cap y_n$ , then in fact  $V \subseteq V_n^p$ .

*Proof.* Let  $V \subseteq Y$  and  $n \ge 1$  be given, and let p be such that  $z_n^p = V \cap y_n$ . Then  $V/z_n^p = V/y_n \subseteq Y/y_n \subseteq X_n^p$ , and every extension of  $z_n^p$  into  $X_n^p$  is in fact in  $V_n^p$ .  $\Box$ 

Our construction of Y was geared toward establishing the following.

**Claim 5.** Let  $V \subseteq Y$  be in  $\mathcal{E}_k$ , and let  $1 \leq n < \omega$  be given. Let p be the integer such that  $\hat{V} \cap y_n = z_n^p$ . Then

$$V \Vdash n - 1 \in \dot{g}(V) \iff Y \Vdash n - 1 \in \dot{g}(V_n^p).$$

*Proof.* Given  $V \subseteq Y$ ,  $1 \leq n < \omega$ , and  $p < |S_n|$  be such that  $\hat{V} \cap y_n = z_n^p$ . By (\*),  $A_n^p$  decides whether or not n-1 is in  $\dot{g}(V_n^p)$ . Since  $Y \subseteq^{\operatorname{Fin}^{\otimes k}} A_n^p$ , Y also decides whether or not  $n \in \dot{g}(V_n^p)$ . Suppose  $Y \Vdash n-1 \notin \dot{g}(V_n^p)$ . Since  $V \subseteq V_n^p$ , by monotonicity of  $\dot{g}$ , we have  $Y \Vdash n - 1 \notin \dot{g}(V)$ . Hence, also  $V \Vdash n - 1 \notin \dot{g}(V)$ . Now suppose that  $Y \Vdash n-1 \in \dot{g}(V_n^p)$ . Then for all pairs  $A \subseteq^{\operatorname{Fin}^{\otimes k}} V' \subseteq X_n^{p-1}$  satisfying (i) and (ii), we have that  $A \Vdash n - 1 \in \dot{g}(V')$ . In particular,  $V \Vdash n - 1 \in \dot{g}(V)$ .  $\Box$  Now we define a finitary monotone function  $\hat{g}: \mathcal{AR}^* | Y \to [\omega]^{<\omega}$  which Y forces to represent  $\dot{g}$  on the cofinal subset  $\mathcal{B}_k | Y$  of  $\dot{\mathcal{G}}_k$ . Given  $x \in \mathcal{AR}^* | Y$ , let  $m \ge 1$  be the least integer such that  $x \subseteq y_m$ . For each  $n \le m$ , let  $p_n$  be the integer such that  $z_n^{p_n} = x \cap y_n$ , and define

(19) 
$$\hat{g}(x) = \{n-1 : n \le m \text{ and } Y \Vdash n-1 \in \dot{g}(V_n^{p_n})\}.$$

By definition,  $\hat{g}$  is monotone and initial segment preserving.

**Claim 6.** If Y is in  $\mathcal{G}_k$ , then  $\hat{g}$  represents  $\dot{g}$  on  $\mathcal{B}_k \upharpoonright Y$ .

Proof. Let  $V \subseteq Y$  be in  $\mathcal{G}_k$ . Let  $n \ge 1$  be given and let p such that  $z_n^p = \widehat{V} \cap y_n$ . Then Claims 4 and 5 imply that  $V \Vdash n-1 \in \dot{g}(V)$ , if and only if  $Y \Vdash n-1 \in \dot{g}(V_n^p)$ . This in turn holds if and only if  $n-1 \in \hat{g}(\widehat{V} \cap y_n)$ . By the definition of  $\hat{g}$ , we see that for each l < m,  $\hat{g}(\widehat{V} \cap y_l) \subseteq \hat{g}(\widehat{V} \cap y_m)$ . Thus,  $V \Vdash n-1 \in \dot{g}(V)$  if and only if n-1 is in  $\hat{g}(\widehat{V} \cap y_m)$  for all  $m \ge n$ . Therefore,  $V \Vdash \dot{g}(V) = \bigcup_{n \ge 1} \hat{g}(\widehat{V} \cap y_n)$ . Thus, the claim holds.

Finally, we can restrict  $\hat{g}$  to have domain  $\mathcal{AR}|Y$ . Note that  $\hat{g}$  on this restricted domain retains the property of being monotone and end-extension preserving. It follows that Y forces  $\hat{g}$  on  $\mathcal{AR}$  to represent g on  $\mathcal{B}_k|Y$ . To see this, let  $V \subseteq Y$ be in  $\mathcal{B}_k$ . Then  $\{\hat{g}(r_l(V)) : l < \omega\}$  is contained in  $\{\hat{g}(\hat{V} \cap y_n) : n < \omega\}$ , so  $\bigcup\{\hat{g}(r_l(V)) : l < \omega\} \subseteq \bigcup\{\hat{g}(\hat{V} \cap y_n) : n < \omega\}$ . At the same time, for each n there is an  $l \ge n$  such that  $r_l(V) \supseteq \hat{V} \cap y_n$ , so monotonicity of  $\hat{g}$  implies that  $\hat{g}(r_l(V)) \supseteq \hat{g}(\hat{V} \cap y_n)$ . Thus,  $\bigcup\{\hat{g}(r_l(V)) : l < \omega\} \supseteq \bigcup\{\hat{g}(\hat{V} \cap y_n) : n < \omega\}$ . Therefore, Y forces that  $\hat{g}$  on domain  $\mathcal{AR}|Y$  represents  $\dot{g}$  on  $\dot{\mathcal{B}}_k|Y$ , and hence  $\dot{g}$  is basic on  $\dot{\mathcal{B}}_k|Y$ .

# 6. The Tukey structure below the generic ultrafilters forced by $\mathcal{P}(\omega^k)/\mathrm{Fin}^{\otimes k}$

The recent paper [1] began the investigation of the Tukey theory of the generic ultrafilter  $\mathcal{G}_2$  forced by  $\mathcal{P}(\omega \times \omega)/\operatorname{Fin}^{\otimes 2}$ . It was well-known that  $\mathcal{G}_2$  is the Rudin-Keisler immediate successor of its projected selective ultrafilter  $\pi_1(\mathcal{G}_2)$ . In [1], Dobrinen and Raghavan (independently) proved that  $\mathcal{G}_2$  is strictly below the maximum Tukey type ( $[\mathfrak{c}]^{<\omega}, \subseteq$ ). Further strengthening that result, Dobrinen proved that  $(\mathcal{G}_2, \supseteq) \not\geq_T ([\omega_1]^{<\omega} \subseteq)$ , irregardless of the size of the continuum in the generic model. On the other hand, in Theorem 39 in [1], Dobrinen proved that  $\mathcal{G}_2 >_T \pi_1(\mathcal{G}_2)$ . Thus, we knew that the Tukey type of  $\mathcal{G}_2$  is neither maximum nor minimum. It was left open what exactly is the structure of the Tukey types of ultrafilters Tukey reducible to  $\mathcal{G}_2$ .

We solve that open problem here by showing that  $\mathcal{G}_2$  is the immediate Tukey successor of  $\pi_1(\mathcal{G}_2)$ , and moreover, each nonprincipal ultrafilter Tukey reducible to  $\mathcal{G}_2$  is Tukey equivalent to either  $\mathcal{G}_2$  or else  $\pi_1(\mathcal{G}_2)$ . Thus, the initial Tukey structure of nonprincipal ultrafilters below  $\mathcal{U}$  is exactly a chain of order-type 2. Extending this, we further show that for all  $k \geq 2$ , the ultrafilter  $\mathcal{G}_k$  generic for  $\mathcal{P}(\omega^k)/\operatorname{Fin}^{\otimes k}$ has initial Tukey structure (of nonprincipal ultrafilters) exactly a chain of size k. We also show that the Rudin-Keisler structures below  $\mathcal{G}_k$  is exactly a chain of size k. Thus, the Tukey structure below  $\mathcal{G}_k$  is analogous to the Rudin-Keisler structure below  $\mathcal{G}_k$ , even though each Tukey equivalence class contains many Rudin-Keisler equivalence classes.

Let  $k \geq 2$ . As in the previous section, we let Let  $\mathcal{G}_k$  be a generic ultrafilter forced by  $\mathcal{P}(\omega^k)/\operatorname{Fin}^{\otimes k}$ , and let  $\mathcal{B}_k$  denote  $\mathcal{G}_k \cap \mathcal{E}_k$ , where we are identifying  $[\omega]^k$  with the collection of strictly increasing sequences of natural numbers of length k. Then  $\mathcal{B}_k$ is a generic filter for  $(\mathcal{E}_k, \subseteq^{\operatorname{Fin}^{\otimes k}})$ , and  $\mathcal{B}_k$  is cofinal in  $\mathcal{G}_k$ .

We begin by showing that each  $\mathcal{G}_k$  has at least k-many distinct Tukey types of nonprincipal ultrafilters below it, forming a chain. The proof of the next proposition is very similar to the proof of Proposition 39 in [1], which showed that  $\mathcal{G}_2 >_T \pi_1(\mathcal{G}_2)$ .

**Proposition 39.** Let  $k \geq 2$  and  $\mathcal{G}_k$  be generic for  $\mathcal{P}(\omega^k)/\operatorname{Fin}^{\otimes k}$ . Then in  $V[\mathcal{G}_k]$ , for each l < k,  $\pi_l(\mathcal{G}_k) <_T \pi_{l+1}(\mathcal{G}_k)$ .

Proof. Since the map  $\pi_l : \pi_{l+1}'' \mathbb{W}_k \to \pi_l'' \mathbb{W}_k$  witnesses that  $\pi_l(\mathcal{B}_k) \leq_{RK} \pi_{l+1}(\mathcal{B}_k)$ , it follows that  $\pi_l(\mathcal{B}_k) \leq_T \pi_{l+1}(\mathcal{B}_k)$ . Thus, it remains only to show that these are not Tukey equivalent. Let  $\dot{g} : \pi_l(\mathcal{G}_k) \to \pi_{l+1}(\mathcal{G}_k)$  be a  $(\mathcal{E}_k) \subseteq^{\operatorname{Fin}^{\otimes k}}$ -name for a monotone map. Without loss of generality, we may identify  $\pi_{l+1}'' \mathbb{W}_k$  with  $\omega$ .

Noting that  $\pi_l(\mathcal{E}_k) := \{\pi_l(X) : X \in \mathcal{E}_k\}$  is isomorphic to  $\mathcal{E}_l$ , and that  $\pi_l(\mathcal{E}_k)$  is regularly embedded into  $\mathcal{E}_k$ , it follows by a slight modification of the proof of Theorem 38 that there is some  $A \in \mathcal{B}_k$  such that A forces that  $\dot{g} \upharpoonright \pi_l(\mathcal{B}_k|A)$  is basic. Thus, in  $V[\mathcal{G}_k]$ , g is represented by finitary monotone initial segment preserving map  $\hat{g}$  defined on  $\mathcal{AR}|Y$ . Letting f denote the map on  $\{\pi_l(X) : X \in \mathcal{E}_k|A\}$  determined by  $\hat{g}$ , we see that f is actually in the ground model since  $(\mathcal{E}_k, \subseteq^{\operatorname{Fin}^{\otimes k}})$  is a  $\sigma$ -closed forcing.

Let  $X \in \mathcal{B}_k | A$  be given. If there is a  $Y \subseteq X$  in  $\mathcal{B}_k$  such that  $f(\pi_l(Y)) \cap \pi_{l+1}(Y)$ does not contain a member of  $\pi_{l+1}(\mathcal{E}_k)$ , then Y forces that  $f(\pi_l(\dot{\mathcal{B}}_k)) \not\subseteq \pi_{l+1}(\dot{\mathcal{B}}_k)$ . Otherwise, (a) for all  $Y \subseteq X$  in  $\mathcal{B}_k$ ,  $f(\pi_l(Y)) \cap \pi_{l+1}(Y)$  is a member of  $\pi_{l+1}(\mathcal{E}_k)$ .

If there is a  $Y \subseteq X$  in  $\mathcal{B}_k$  such that for all  $Z \subseteq Y$  in  $\mathcal{B}_k$ ,  $f(\pi_l(Z)) \not\subseteq \pi_{l+1}(Y)$ , then Y forces that  $f \upharpoonright \pi_l(\dot{\mathcal{B}}_k)$  is not cofinal into  $\pi_{l+1}(\dot{\mathcal{B}}_k)$ . Otherwise, (b) for all  $Y \subseteq X$  in  $\mathcal{B}_k$ , there is a  $Z \subseteq Y$  in  $\mathcal{B}_k$  such that  $f(\pi_l(Z)) \subseteq \pi_{l+1}(Y)$ .

Now we are in the final case that (a) and (b) hold. Fix  $Y, W \subseteq X$  such that  $\pi_l(Y) = \pi_l(W)$  but  $\pi_{l+1}(Y) \cap \pi_{l+1}(W) = \emptyset$ . Take  $Y' \subseteq Y$  such that  $f(\pi_l(Y')) \subseteq \pi_{l+1}(Y)$ . Take  $W' \subseteq W$  such that  $\pi_l(W') \subseteq \pi_l(Y')$ ; then take  $W'' \subseteq W$  such that  $f(\pi_l(W'')) \subseteq \pi_{l+1}(W')$ . Since  $\pi_l(W'') \subseteq \pi_l(Y')$  and f is monotone, we have that  $f(\pi_l(W'')) \subseteq f(\pi_l(Y'))$ . Thus,  $f(\pi_l(W'')) \subseteq \pi_{l+1}(Y)$ . On the other hand,  $f(\pi_l(W'')) \subseteq \pi_{l+1}(W')$ , which is contained in  $\pi_{l+1}(W)$ . Hence,  $f(\pi_l(W'')) \subseteq \pi_{l+1}(Y \cap W)$ , which is empty. Thus, W'' forces  $f(\pi_l(Z))$  to be the emptyset, for each  $Z \subseteq W''$ , so W'' forces f not to be a cofinal map.

Applying Theorems 33 and 38, we shall prove the main theorem of this paper.

**Theorem 40.** Let  $k \geq 2$ , and let  $\mathcal{G}_k$  be generic for the forcing  $\mathcal{P}(\omega^k)/\operatorname{Fin}^{\otimes k}$ . If  $\mathcal{V} \leq_T \mathcal{G}_k$  and  $\mathcal{V}$  is nonprincipal, then  $\mathcal{V} \equiv_T \pi_l(\mathcal{G}_k)$ , for some  $l \leq k$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{G}_k$  be a  $\mathcal{P}(\omega^k)/\operatorname{Fin}^{\otimes k}$  generic ultrafilter on  $\omega^k$ , and let  $\mathcal{B}$  denote  $\mathcal{B}_k$ . Let  $\mathcal{V}$  be a nonprincipal ultrafilter on base set  $\omega$  which is Tukey reducible to  $\mathcal{G}_k$ . Then there is a monotone cofinal map  $g: \mathcal{G}_k \to \mathcal{V}$  witnessing that  $\mathcal{V}$  is Tukey reducible to  $\mathcal{G}_k$ . By Theorem 38, there is an  $A \in \mathcal{B}$  such that g on  $\mathcal{B}|A$  is basic, represented by a finitary, monotone, end-extension preserving map  $\hat{g}: \mathcal{AR}|A \to [\omega]^{<\omega}$ .

For each  $X \in \mathcal{B}|A$ , let  $a_X = r_n(X)$  where *n* is least such that  $\hat{g}(r_n(X)) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $\mathcal{F} = \{a_X : X \in \mathcal{B}|A\}$ . Note that  $\mathcal{F}$  is a front on  $\mathcal{B}|A$ . For  $X \in \mathcal{B}|A$ , recall that  $\mathcal{F}|X$  denotes  $\{a \in \mathcal{F} : a \leq_{\text{fin}} A\}$ . We let  $\langle \mathcal{B} \upharpoonright \mathcal{F} \rangle$  denote the filter on the base set  $\mathcal{F}$  generated by the collection of sets  $\mathcal{F}|X, X \in \mathcal{B}|A$ . Define  $f : \mathcal{F} \to \omega$  by  $f(a) = \min \hat{g}(a)$ . By genericity of  $\mathcal{G}_k$  and arguments for Facts 5.3 and 5.4 and Proposition 5.5 in [7], it follows that  $\mathcal{V} = f(\langle \mathcal{B} \mid \mathcal{F} \rangle)$ ; that is,  $\mathcal{V}$  is the ultrafilter which is the Rudin-Keisler image via f of the filter  $\langle \mathcal{B} \mid \mathcal{F} \rangle$ .

By Theorem 33 and genericity of  $\mathcal{G}_k$ , there is a  $B \in \mathcal{B}|A$  such that  $f \upharpoonright \mathcal{F}|B$  is canonical, represented by an inner Nash-Williams function  $\varphi$ . Recall from the proof of Theorem 33 that  $\varphi$  is a projection function, where  $\varphi(a) = \bigcup \{\pi_{r_i(a)}(a(i)) : i < |a|\}$ , for  $a \in \mathcal{F}|B$ .

For  $l \leq k$  and  $X \in \mathcal{E}_k | B$ , we say that  $(*)_l(X)$  holds if and only if for each  $Y \leq X$ , for each  $Z \leq Y$ , there is a  $Z' \leq Z$  such that  $\pi_l(Z') \subseteq \varphi(\mathcal{F}|Y)$  and, if l < k, then also  $\pi_{l+1}(X) \cap \varphi(\mathcal{F}|X) = \emptyset$ .

**Claim 7.** If  $(*)_l(X)$  and  $\neg (*)_{l+1}(X)$ , then X forces  $\varphi(\mathcal{G}_k|\mathcal{F}) \equiv_T \pi_l(\mathcal{G}_k)$ .

Proof. Let  $l \leq k$  be given and suppose that  $(*)_l(X)$  holds, and if l < k, then also  $\neg(*)_{l+1}(X)$ . By definition of  $\varphi$ , we know that for each  $Y \leq X$ ,  $\varphi(\mathcal{F}|Y) \subseteq \bigcup_{i \leq k} \pi_i(Y)$ . By  $\neg(*)_{l+1}(X)$ , we have that  $\varphi(\mathcal{F}|Y)$  must actually be contained in  $\bigcup_{i \leq l} \pi_i(Y)$ .  $(*)_l(X)$  implies that X forces that for each  $Y \leq X$  in  $\dot{\mathcal{G}}_k$ , there is a  $Z' \leq Y$  in  $\dot{\mathcal{G}}_k$  such that  $\pi_l(Z') \subseteq \varphi(\mathcal{F}|Y)$ . Then  $\pi_l(\mathcal{G}_k)$  is actually equal to the filter generated by the sets  $(\bigcup \varphi(\mathcal{F}|Y)) \cap \pi_l(\mathcal{E}_k), Y \in \mathcal{G}_k$ , since they are cofinal in each other. Moreover, the filter generated by the sets  $(\bigcup \varphi(\mathcal{F}|Y)) \cap \pi_l(\mathcal{E}_k),$  $Y \in \mathcal{G}_k$ , is Tukey equivalent to  $\varphi(\mathcal{G}_k|\mathcal{F})$ , as can be seen by the map  $\varphi(\mathcal{F}|Y) \mapsto$  $(\bigcup \varphi(\mathcal{F}|Y)) \cap \pi_l(\mathcal{E}_k)$ , which is easily seen to be both cofinal and Tukey.  $\Box$ 

**Claim 8.** For each  $W \in \mathcal{E}_k | B$ , there is an  $X \leq W$  and an  $l \leq k$  such that  $(*)_l(X)$  holds.

*Proof.* Let  $W \in \mathcal{E}_k | B$  be given. For all pairs  $j \leq l \leq k$ , define

(20) 
$$\mathcal{H}_l^j = \{ a \in \mathcal{F} | W : \exists n < |a| (n \in N_j^k \land \varphi_{r_n(a)} = \pi_l) \}.$$

Take  $X \leq W$  homogeneous for  $\mathcal{H}_l^j$  for all  $j \leq l \leq k$ . Let  $l \leq k$  be maximal such that, for some  $j \leq l$ ,  $\mathcal{F}|X \subseteq \mathcal{H}_l^j$ . We point out that  $\mathcal{F}|W \subseteq \mathcal{H}_0^0$ , so such an  $l \leq k$  exists. We claim that  $(*)_l(X)$  holds.

Note that, if l < k, then for all  $l < l' \le k$ ,  $(\mathcal{F}|X) \cap \mathcal{H}_{l'}^j = \emptyset$ , whenever  $j \le l'$ . Thus, for each  $a \in \mathcal{F}|X$ , there is no n < |a| for which  $\varphi_{r_n(a)} = \pi_{l'}$ . Therefore, for each  $a \in \mathcal{F}|X, \varphi(a) \subseteq \bigcup_{i < l} \pi_i(X)$ .

Now let  $j \leq l$  such that  $\mathcal{F}|X \subseteq \mathcal{H}_l^j$ , and let  $Z \leq Y \leq X$  be given. If there is a  $C \in \mathcal{E}_j$  such that  $C \subseteq \{\pi_j(a(n)) : a \in \mathcal{F}|Z, n < |a|, n \in N_j^k, \text{ and } \varphi_{r_n(a)} = \pi_l\},$ then there is a  $Z' \leq Z$  such that  $\pi_j(Z') \subseteq C$ . It follows that  $\pi_l(Z') \subseteq C \subseteq \varphi(\mathcal{F}|Z)$ .

Such a  $C \in \mathcal{E}_j$  must exist, for if there is none, then there is a  $C' \in \mathcal{E}_j$  such that  $C' \cap \{\pi_j(a(n)) : a \in \mathcal{F} | Z, n < |a|, n \in N_j^k = \emptyset$ . In this case there is a  $Z' \leq Z$  such that  $\pi_j(Z') \subseteq C'$ . But then  $\pi_l(Z') \cap \varphi(\mathcal{F} | Z) = \emptyset$ , contradicting that  $\mathcal{F} | X \subseteq \mathcal{H}_l^j$ . Thus, there is a  $Z' \leq Z$  such that  $\pi_l(Z') \subseteq \varphi(\mathcal{F} | Z)$ , which in turn is contained in  $\varphi(\mathcal{F} | Y)$ . Therefore,  $(*)_l(X)$  holds.

Thus, by Claims 7 and 8, it is dense in  $\mathcal{E}_k$  to force that  $\varphi(\mathcal{G}_k|\mathcal{F}) \equiv_T \pi_l(\mathcal{G}_k)$  for some  $l \leq k$ .

We finish by showing that each ultrafilter Rudin-Keisler reducible to  $\mathcal{G}_k$  is actually Rudin-Keisler equivalent to  $\pi_l(\mathcal{G}_k)$  for some  $l \leq k$ . **Theorem 41.** Let  $k \geq 2$ , and let  $\mathcal{G}_k$  be generic for the forcing  $\mathcal{P}(\omega^k)/\operatorname{Fin}^{\otimes k}$ . If  $\mathcal{V} \leq_{RK} \mathcal{G}$  and  $\mathcal{V}$  is nonprincipal, then  $\mathcal{V} \equiv_{RK} \pi_l(\mathcal{G}_k)$ , for some  $l \leq k$ .

Proof. Let  $\mathcal{V} \leq_{RK} \mathcal{G}_k$ . Note that  $\mathcal{G}_k$  is isomorphic to the ultrafilter  $\mathcal{G}_k \upharpoonright \mathcal{AR}_1$  having base set  $\mathcal{AR}_1$ . Thus, there is a function  $h : \mathcal{AR}_1 \to \omega$  which witnesses that  $h(\mathcal{G}_k \upharpoonright \mathcal{AR}_1) = \mathcal{V}$ . Such an h induces an equivalence relation on  $\mathcal{AR}_1$ . Applying Theorem 33, there is an  $A \in \mathcal{G}_k$  such that  $h \upharpoonright \mathcal{AR}_1 | A$  is represented by an irreducible map on  $\mathcal{AR}_1 | A$ . The only irreducible maps on first approximations are the projection maps  $\pi_l, l \leq k$ . Thus,  $h(\mathcal{G}_k \upharpoonright \mathcal{AR}_1)$  must be exactly  $\pi_l(\mathcal{G} \upharpoonright \mathcal{AR}_1)$  for some  $l \leq k$ . Hence,  $\mathcal{V}$  is isomorphic to  $\pi_l(\mathcal{G}_k)$ , for some  $l \leq k$ .

Thus, the initial Tukey structure mirrors the initial Rudin-Keisler structure, even though each Tukey type contains many Rudin-Keisler isomorphism classes.

# 7. Further directions

Noticing that  $[\omega]^k$  is really a uniform barrier on  $\omega$  of rank k, we point out that our method of constructing Ellentuck spaces of dimension k can be extended transfinitely using uniform barriers of any countable rank. The members of the spaces will not simply be restrictions of the barrier to infinite sets, but rather will require the use of auxiliary structures in the same vein as were used in [5] to construct the spaces  $\mathcal{R}_{\alpha}$  for  $\omega \leq \alpha < \omega_1$ .

In [4], Dobrinen, Mijares, and Trujillo presented a template for constructing new topological Ramsey spaces which have on level 1 the Ellentuck space, and on level 2 some finite product of finite structures from a Fraïssé class of ordered relational structures with the Ramsey property. They showed that any finite Boolean algebra appears as the initial Tukey structure of a p-point associated with some space constructed by that method. Moreover, that template also constructs topological Ramsey spaces for which the maximal filter is essentially a Fubini product of p-points, and which has initial Tukey structure consisting of all Fubini iterates of a collection of p-points which is Tukey ordered as  $([\omega]^{<\omega}, \subseteq)$ . (See for instance the space  $\mathcal{H}^{\omega}$  in Example 25 ub [4].)

**Problem 42.** Construct topological Ramsey spaces with associated ultrafilters which are neither p-points nor Fubini products of p-points, but which have initial Tukey structures which are not simply chains.

We conclude with a conjecture about what is actually necessary to prove the Abstract Nash-Williams Theorem for general topological Ramsey spaces. In our proof of the Ramsey-classification theorem for equivalence relations on fronts, the Abstract Nash-Williams Theorem was sufficient; we did not need the full strength of the Abstract Ellentuck Theorem. The fact that (in earlier versions of this paper), we proved the Abstract Nash-Williams Theorem for the spaces  $\mathcal{E}_k$  without using **A.3** (b) leads to the following conjecture.

**Conjecture 43.** Let  $(\mathcal{R}, \leq, r)$  be a space for which  $\mathcal{R}$  is a closed subspace of  $\mathcal{AR}^{\omega}$  and axioms **A.1** through **A.4** minus **A.3** (b) hold. Then the Abstract Nash-Williams Theorem holds.

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