

**Problem 1.** Say a function  $f : \omega \rightarrow \omega$  which never takes the value zero is *big* if  $\sum_{i < \omega} \frac{1}{f(i)} < 1$ . Assume  $MA(\kappa)$ , and let  $\{f_\alpha : \alpha < \kappa\}$  be a family of big functions. Show that there is a big function  $g$  such that  $g <^* f_\alpha$  for all  $\alpha < \kappa$ .

**Problem 2.** Say that a set  $R \subseteq \omega_1 \times \omega$  is a *large rectangle* if it has the form  $A \times B$  for some uncountable  $A$  and infinite  $B$ . Assume  $MA(\omega_1)$ . Then every  $S \subseteq \omega_1 \times \omega$  contains a large rectangle or is disjoint from one.

**Problem 3.** Given an almost disjoint family we say that an infinite set  $Y \subseteq \omega$  *avoids*  $\mathcal{A}$  if for any  $A_0, \dots, A_n$  belonging to  $\mathcal{A}$  we have that  $Y \setminus (A_0 \cup \dots \cup A_n)$  is infinite. We say an almost disjoint family  $\mathcal{A}$  is *strongly MAD* if for every sequence  $\langle Y_n : n \in \omega \rangle$  of sets avoiding  $\mathcal{A}$  there is some  $X \in \mathcal{A}$  such that  $X \cap Y_n$  is infinite for each  $n \in \omega$ . Show that  $MA$  implies the existence of a strongly MAD family.

**Problem 4.** For each  $n \in \omega$  say that an almost disjoint family  $\mathcal{A}$  is *n-strongly MAD* if for every sequence  $\langle Y_k : k < n \rangle$  of sets avoiding  $\mathcal{A}$  there is some  $X \in \mathcal{A}$  such that  $X \cap Y_k$  is infinite for each  $k < n$ . Show  $MA$  implies that for each  $n$  there exists an *n-strongly MAD* family which is not *n + 1-strongly MAD*.

**Problem 5** (Open Question). Can one construct in ZFC a strongly MAD family? Or even a 2-strongly MAD family?