

Suppose $m_j + 1 \leq \alpha \leq m_{j+1}$.

$$\Rightarrow a_{m_j+1} = a_\alpha = a_{m_{j+1}}.$$

$$\Rightarrow \dots a_{m_1} > \dots a_{m_2} > \dots a_{m_3} > \dots > a_{m_{j+1}} = a_\alpha > \dots > a_{m_\ell} \neq 0$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} a_{a_{m_1}}^* & \dots & < & a_{a_{m_2}}^* & \dots & < & a_{a_{m_3}}^* & \dots & < & a_{a_{m_{j+1}}}^* & = & a_{a_\alpha}^* & \dots & < & a_{a_{m_{j+2}}}^* & \dots & < & a_{a_{m_\ell}}^* & \dots & \leq \dots & \leq & a_1^* \\ \parallel & & & \parallel & & & \parallel & & & \parallel & & \parallel & & & \parallel & & \parallel & & & \parallel & & & \\ m_1 & & & m_2 & & & m_3 & & & m_{j+1} & & & & & a'_{m_{j+2}} & & & & & & & & \end{array}$$

$$a_{a_{m_j+1}}^* < a_{a_{m_{j+1}}}^* = a_{a_\alpha}^* = a_{a_{\alpha-1}}^* = a_{a_{\alpha-2}}^* = \dots = a_{a_{m_{j+2}-1}}^* \\ \parallel \quad \parallel \quad \parallel \quad \parallel \quad \parallel \quad \parallel \quad \parallel \\ a'_{a_{\alpha-1}} \quad a'_{a_{\alpha-2}} \quad \dots \quad a'_{(a_{m_{j+2}}-1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow a_{a'_{a_{\alpha-1}}}^* = a_{a'_{a_{\alpha-2}}}^* = \dots = a_{a'_{(a_{m_{j+2}}-1)}}^* \geq a_\alpha - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow a_{a'_{a_{\alpha-1}}}^* = a_\alpha - 1 = a_{a_{m_{j+1}}}^* = a_{m_{j+1}}^*$$

$$\text{And, } a_{a_{m_{j+1}}+1}^* = a'_{a_{m_{j+1}}} = \dots = a_{a_{m_j}}^* = a'_{a_{m_j}-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow a_{a'_{a_{m_j}-1}}^* \geq a_{m_j} - 1 \text{ and } a_{a'_{a_{m_{j+1}}}}^* \geq a_{m_{j+1}} \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow a_{a'_{a_{m_j}-1}}^* = a_{m_j} - 1.$$

Thus

$$\dots a_{m_j-1} > \dots a_{\alpha-1} > \dots a_{m_{j+1}} > \dots > \dots a_{m_\ell} \\ \uparrow \quad \quad \quad \uparrow \quad \quad \quad \uparrow \quad \quad \quad \uparrow \\ m_j\text{-th} \quad m_{j+1}\text{-th} \quad m_{j+2}\text{-th} \quad m_\ell\text{-th}$$