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REPRESENTATIVE PROPERTIES  
OF THE QUASI-ORDERED SET  $F(\alpha, M)$

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In [5] V. Novák improved a result of M. Novotný in [4] proving that a set of type  $F(\omega_\nu, 2, \aleph_\nu)$  is an  $\aleph_\nu$ -universal quasi-ordered set. Moreover, he used the quasi-ordered set  $F(\alpha, M)$  for the representation of ordered sets and showed that a set of type  $F(\omega_\nu, \aleph_\nu)$  is an  $\aleph_\nu$ -universal quasi-ordered set for every regular cardinal number  $\aleph_\nu$ . Finally, L. Mišík [6] proved that a set of type  $F(\omega_\nu, \aleph_\nu)$  is an  $\aleph_\nu$ -universal quasi-ordered set for every number  $\aleph_\nu$ . In this paper the above-mentioned results are improved and supplemented.

A *quasi-ordered* set is a non-empty set  $G$  together with a reflexive and transitive binary relation  $\leq$  (see for instance [1]). If, moreover, the relation  $\leq$  is antisymmetric, the set  $G$  is said to be *ordered*. A *chain* is defined as an ordered set such that we have either  $x \leq y$  or  $y \leq x$  for each pair of its elements  $x, y$ . By an *antichain* we understand an ordered set for which the implication  $x \leq y \Rightarrow x = y$  holds for each pair of its elements  $x, y$ . Two quasi-ordered set  $G, G'$  are called *isomorphic* if there exists such a one-one mapping  $f$  of the set  $G$  onto  $G'$  that  $x, y \in G, x \leq y \Leftrightarrow f(x) \leq f(y)$ . A set  $H$  with a binary relation is called an *m-universal set for quasi-ordered sets* (where  $m > 0$  is a cardinality) if for every quasi-ordered set  $G$  with  $\text{card } G \leq m$  there exists a subset  $H' \subseteq H$  isomorphic with  $G$ . An *m-universal set for ordered sets*, an *m-universal set for chains* and an *m-universal set for antichains* are defined in an analogous way. If an *m-universal set for quasi-ordered sets* is quasi-ordered, then we call it an *m-universal quasi-ordered set*.

Let us recall one important property of every quasi-ordered set. If  $G$  is a quasi-ordered set,  $x, y \in G$ , then put  $x \equiv y$  if and only if  $x \leq y, y \leq x$ . Then the relation  $\equiv$  is an equivalence relation, i.e. a reflexive, symmetric and transitive binary relation, which defines a decomposition  $\bar{G}$  of  $G$ . Let  $X, Y \in \bar{G}$  and put  $X \leq Y$  if and only if  $x \leq y$  for any  $x \in X, y \in Y$ . Then the set  $\bar{G}$  is an ordered set (see [1]).

Let  $M$  be a non-empty set and  $\alpha > 0$  an ordinal number. Denote by  $F(\alpha, M)$  the set of all sequences of type  $\alpha$  consisting of elements of the set  $M$  together with the relation  $\leq$  defined as follows:  $\{a_\lambda \mid \lambda < \alpha\} \leq \{b_\lambda \mid \lambda < \alpha\}$  if and only if there exists a strictly increasing sequence  $\{\beta_\lambda \mid \lambda < \alpha\}$  of type  $\alpha$  of ordinal numbers less than  $\alpha$

such that  $a_\lambda = b_{\rho_\lambda}$  for every  $\lambda < \alpha$ . It is easy to prove that the relation  $\leq$  is reflexive and transitive so that  $F(\alpha, M)$  is a quasi-ordered set. This relation, however, is in general not antisymmetric as is shown in [4]. Therefore  $F(\alpha, M)$  is generally not an ordered set. If  $N$  is a set with  $\text{card } N = \text{card } M$ , then clearly  $F(\alpha, N)$  is isomorphic with  $F(\alpha, M)$  so that the type of the set  $F(\alpha, M)$  depends only on the cardinality  $m$  of the set  $M$ . We denote this type by  $F(\alpha, m)$ . Clearly, for  $\alpha < \omega_0$  the set of type  $F(\alpha, m)$  is an antichain of power  $m^{\text{card } \alpha}$ .

If  $\alpha$  is an ordinal number, then we denote the set of all ordinal numbers less than  $\alpha$  ordered according to their magnitude by  $W(\alpha)$ . It is known that  $W(\alpha)$  is a chain of type  $\alpha$  (see [2]). Let  $\{a_\lambda \mid \lambda < \alpha\}$  be a sequence of type  $\alpha$ . Let  $G = \{x \mid \text{there exists an ordinal number } \lambda < \alpha \text{ such that } a_\lambda = x\}$ . For every  $x \in G$  put  $m_x(\{a_\lambda \mid \lambda < \alpha\}) = \text{card } \{\lambda \mid \lambda \in W(\alpha), a_\lambda = x\}$ . We shall need the following two lemmas proved in [5]:

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $G$  be a non-empty set such that  $\text{card } G \leq \aleph_\nu$ . Then the elements of the set  $G$  can be written in the form of a sequence of type  $\omega_\nu$ ,  $\{a_\lambda \mid \lambda < \omega_\nu\}$ , such that  $m_x(\{a_\lambda \mid \lambda < \omega_\nu\}) = \aleph_\nu$  for every  $x \in G$ .*

**Lemma 2.** *Let  $G$  be a set with  $\text{card } G = m$  where  $2 \leq m \leq \aleph_\nu$ . Let  $\mathcal{S}$  be the set of all sequences of type  $\omega_\nu$ , consisting of elements of the set  $G$  and such that  $m_x(\{a_\lambda \mid \lambda < \omega_\nu\}) = \aleph_\nu$  for any sequence  $\{a_\lambda \mid \lambda < \omega_\nu\} \in \mathcal{S}$  and any element  $x \in G$ . Then  $\text{card } \mathcal{S} = 2^{\aleph_\nu}$ .*

Let  $\alpha$  denote a given ordinal number. If  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$  are ordinal numbers such that  $\alpha = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2$ , then the number  $\alpha_2$  is called the *remainder of number  $\alpha$  corresponding to the segment  $\alpha_1$*  (see [3]). Now we shall prove the following important theorem:

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $\alpha, \beta$  be ordinal numbers,  $0 < \alpha \leq \beta$ , and let  $m, n$  be cardinal numbers,  $0 < m \leq n$ . Let at least one of the following three assumptions hold:*

- (I)  $m < n$ ,
- (II)  $m \geq \aleph_0$ ,
- (III)  $\alpha_2 + (\beta - \alpha) > \beta - \alpha$  for every remainder  $\alpha_2 > 0$  of number  $\alpha$ .

*Then for every quasi-ordered set  $F(\alpha, M)$  of type  $F(\alpha, m)$  there exists a subset of a quasi-ordered set of type  $F(\beta, n)$  isomorphic with  $F(\alpha, M)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $F(\alpha, M), F(\beta, N)$  be quasi-ordered sets of types  $F(\alpha, m), F(\beta, n)$  where  $0 < \alpha \leq \beta, 0 < m \leq n$ , i.e.  $\text{card } M = m, \text{card } N = n$ . We can suppose  $M \subseteq N$  without loss of generality.

Let the assumption (I) hold. Then the set  $N - M$  is non-empty. Let  $x \in N - M$  be an element and for every sequence  $a = \{a_\lambda \mid \lambda < \alpha\} \in F(\alpha, M)$  put  $\varphi(a) = b = \{b_\lambda \mid \lambda < \beta\}$  where  $\{b_\lambda \mid \lambda < \beta\}$  is a sequence defined in the following way:

$$b_\lambda = \begin{cases} a_\lambda & \text{for } \lambda < \alpha, \\ x & \text{for } \alpha \leq \lambda < \beta. \end{cases}$$

Then clearly  $b \in F(\beta, N)$  and  $\varphi$  is a one-one mapping of  $F(\alpha, M)$  onto  $\Sigma = \{\varphi(a) \mid a \in F(\alpha, M)\} \subseteq F(\beta, N)$ . We shall show that  $\varphi$  is an isomorphism of  $F(\alpha, M)$  onto  $\Sigma$ .

Let  $a = \{a_\lambda \mid \lambda < \alpha\}$ ,  $a' = \{a'_\lambda \mid \lambda < \alpha\} \in F(\alpha, M)$ ,  $a \leq a'$  and  $\varphi(a) = b = \{b_\lambda \mid \lambda < \beta\}$ ,  $\varphi(a') = b' = \{b'_\lambda \mid \lambda < \beta\}$ . Then there exists a strictly increasing sequence  $\{\gamma_\lambda \mid \lambda < \alpha\}$  of type  $\alpha$  of ordinal numbers less than  $\alpha$  such that  $a_\lambda = a'_{\gamma_\lambda}$  for every  $\lambda < \alpha$ . Let us define a sequence  $\{\delta_\lambda \mid \lambda < \beta\}$  of type  $\beta$  of ordinal numbers less than  $\beta$  in the following way:

$$\delta_\lambda = \begin{cases} \gamma_\lambda & \text{for } \lambda < \alpha, \\ \lambda & \text{for } \alpha \leq \lambda < \beta. \end{cases}$$

The sequence  $\{\delta_\lambda \mid \lambda < \beta\}$  is strictly increasing and  $b_\lambda = a_\lambda = a'_{\gamma_\lambda} = a'_{\delta_\lambda} = b'_{\delta_\lambda}$  for every  $\lambda < \alpha$  and  $b_\lambda = x = b'_\lambda = b = b'_{\delta_\lambda}$  for every  $\alpha \leq \lambda < \beta$ . Therefore  $b_\lambda = b'_{\delta_\lambda}$  for every  $\lambda < \beta$ , i.e.  $b \leq b'$ . Suppose, on the contrary, that  $b = \varphi(a) = \{b_\lambda \mid \lambda < \beta\}$ ,  $b' = \varphi(a') = \{b'_\lambda \mid \lambda < \beta\} \in \Sigma$ ,  $b \not\leq b'$ . Then there exists a strictly increasing sequence  $\{\delta_\lambda \mid \lambda < \beta\}$  of type  $\beta$  of ordinal numbers less than  $\beta$  such that  $b_\lambda = b'_{\delta_\lambda}$  for every  $\lambda < \beta$ . If  $\lambda < \alpha$ , then  $\delta_\lambda < \alpha$ , for, if  $\delta_{\lambda_0} \geq \alpha$  for some  $\lambda_0 < \alpha$ , then  $b_{\lambda_0} = b'_{\delta_{\lambda_0}} = x$  which contradicts  $b_{\lambda_0} = a_{\lambda_0} \in M$ . Let us define the sequence  $\{\gamma_\lambda \mid \lambda < \alpha\}$  such that  $\gamma_\lambda = \delta_\lambda$  for every  $\lambda < \alpha$ . Then  $\{\gamma_\lambda \mid \lambda < \alpha\}$  is a strictly increasing sequence of type  $\alpha$  of ordinal numbers less than  $\alpha$  and such that  $a_\lambda = b_\lambda = b'_{\delta_\lambda} = b'_{\gamma_\lambda} = a'_{\gamma_\lambda}$  for every  $\lambda < \alpha$ , i.e.  $a \leq a'$ . Thus  $\varphi$  is an isomorphism.

Let the assumption (II) hold. Then we can suppose that the set  $N - M$  is non-empty and the proof coincides with the previous one.

Let the assumption (III) hold. Let  $x \in N$  be an element and let us define the mapping  $\varphi$  of  $F(\alpha, M)$  into  $F(\beta, N)$  in the same way as in the first part of the proof. Then  $\varphi$  is a one-one mapping of  $F(\alpha, M)$  onto  $\Sigma = \{\varphi(a) \mid a \in F(\alpha, M)\} \subseteq F(\beta, N)$  and we shall show that  $\varphi$  is an isomorphism of  $F(\alpha, M)$  onto  $\Sigma$ . Let  $a, a' \in F(\alpha, M)$ ,  $a \leq a'$ ,  $b = \varphi(a)$ ,  $b' = \varphi(a')$ . We are able to prove that  $b \leq b'$  in the same way as in the first part of the proof. Suppose, on the contrary, that  $b = \varphi(a) = \{b_\lambda \mid \lambda < \beta\}$ ,  $b' = \varphi(a') = \{b'_\lambda \mid \lambda < \beta\} \in \Sigma$ ,  $b \not\leq b'$ . Then there exists a strictly increasing sequence  $\{\delta_\lambda \mid \lambda < \beta\}$  of type  $\beta$  of ordinal numbers less than  $\beta$  such that  $b_\lambda = b'_{\delta_\lambda}$  for every  $\lambda < \beta$ . We shall prove that  $\delta_\lambda < \alpha$  for every  $\lambda < \alpha$ . Suppose that there exists  $\lambda_0 < \alpha$  such that  $\delta_{\lambda_0} \geq \alpha$ . Then  $\delta_{\lambda_0} \leq \delta_\lambda < \beta$  for every  $\lambda_0 \leq \lambda < \beta$ , i.e. the sequence  $\{b_\lambda \mid \lambda_0 \leq \lambda < \beta\}$  results by omitting a set (empty or non-empty) of members of the sequence  $\{b'_\lambda \mid \delta_{\lambda_0} \leq \lambda < \beta\}$ . Let  $\alpha_2$  denote the remainder of the number  $\alpha$  corresponding to the segment  $\lambda_0$ , i.e.  $\alpha = \lambda_0 + \alpha_2$ . As the type of the sequence  $\{b_\lambda \mid \lambda_0 \leq \lambda < \beta\}$  is  $\alpha_2 + (\beta - \alpha)$  and the type of the sequence  $\{b'_\lambda \mid \delta_{\lambda_0} \leq \lambda < \beta\}$  is  $\leq \beta - \alpha$  we have  $\alpha_2 + (\beta - \alpha) \leq \beta - \alpha$ , which is a contradiction. Therefore  $\delta_\lambda < \alpha$  for every  $\lambda < \alpha$  and this implies, similarly as in the first part of the proof, that  $a \leq a'$ . Thus  $\varphi$  is an isomorphism and the theorem is proved.

Now we shall investigate the set  $F(\alpha, M)$  as an  $m$ -universal set.

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $m$  be a cardinal number such that  $0 < m \leq \aleph_\nu$ . Then a quasi-ordered set of type  $F(\omega_\nu, m)$  is an  $m$ -universal set for ordered sets.*

**Proof.** Let the assumptions of Theorem be true and let  $G$  be an ordered set such

that  $\text{card } G \leq m$ . Then there exists a one-one mapping  $f$  of  $G$  into  $M$  where  $M$  is a set with  $\text{card } M = m$ . Denote by  $\mathcal{S}$  the set of all subsets of  $M$ , i.e.  $\mathcal{S} = \{N \mid N \subseteq M\}$ , ordered by the set inclusion. If we assign to every element  $x \in G$  a subset  $\psi(x) = \{f(t) \mid t \leq x\} \subseteq M$ , then clearly  $\psi$  is an isomorphism of  $G$  onto a certain subset  $\mathcal{S}' \subseteq \mathcal{S}$  and  $\text{card } N' \geq 1$  for every  $N' \in \mathcal{S}'$ . Since  $\text{card } M = m \leq \aleph_\nu$ , according to Lemma 1 it is possible to write the elements of the set  $M$  in the form of a sequence  $\{b_\lambda \mid \lambda < \omega_\nu\}$  of type  $\omega_\nu$  such that  $m_x(\{b_\lambda \mid \lambda < \omega_\nu\}) = \aleph_\nu$  for every  $x \in M$ . Now let us define a mapping  $\varphi$  of  $\mathcal{S}'$  into  $F(\omega_\nu, M)$  in the same way as in the proof of Theorem 1 of [5], i.e., let us assign to every set  $N' \in \mathcal{S}'$  a sequence  $\varphi(N') = \{a_\lambda \mid \lambda < \omega_\nu\}$  of type  $\omega_\nu$  in the following way:  $a_0 = b_{\mu_0}$  where  $\mu_0$  is the smallest ordinal number such that  $b_{\mu_0} \in N'$ ; suppose that we have defined  $a_\lambda$  for every  $\lambda < \lambda_0$  ( $\lambda_0 < \omega_\nu$ ) and put  $a_{\lambda_0} = b_{\mu_{\lambda_0}}$  where  $\mu_{\lambda_0}$  is the smallest ordinal number with the following properties:  $\mu_{\lambda_0} > \mu_\lambda$  for every  $\lambda < \lambda_0$ ,  $\mu_{\lambda_0} < \omega_\nu$ ,  $b_{\mu_{\lambda_0}} \in N'$ . In the above mentioned proof [5] it is shown that such an ordinal number always exists and that  $\varphi$  is an isomorphism of  $\mathcal{S}'$  onto  $\Sigma = \{\varphi(N') \mid N' \in \mathcal{S}'\} \subseteq F(\omega_\nu, M)$ . Hence it follows that the composite mapping  $\varphi\psi$  is an isomorphism of  $G$  onto  $\Sigma \subseteq F(\omega_\nu, M)$ . Because the type of the set  $F(\omega_\nu, M)$  is  $F(\omega_\nu, m)$ , the theorem is proved.

**Theorem 3.** *Let  $\aleph_\nu$  be a regular cardinal number and let  $m$  be a cardinal number such that  $0 < m \leq \aleph_\nu$ . Then a quasi-ordered set of type  $F(\omega_\nu, m + 1)$  is an  $m$ -universal quasi-ordered set.*

*Proof.* Let the assumptions of Theorem 3 be fulfilled and let  $G$  be a quasi-ordered set such that  $\text{card } G \leq m$ . Then  $\text{card } \bar{G} \leq m$  and similarly as in the proof of Theorem 2 there exists an isomorphism  $\psi$  of the ordered set  $\bar{G}$  onto a certain subset  $\mathcal{S}' \subseteq \mathcal{S}$  where  $\mathcal{S}$  is the set of all subsets of a set  $M$  with  $\text{card } M = m$  ordered by the set inclusion. The definition of the mapping  $\psi$  yields that  $\text{card } N' \geq 1$  for every  $N' \in \mathcal{S}'$ . Let  $a \in M$  be an element and for every  $N' \in \mathcal{S}'$  put  $N'' = N' \cup \{a\}$ . Then the system  $\mathcal{S}'' = \{N'' \mid N' \in \mathcal{S}'\}$  is a system of sets such that  $2 \leq \text{card } N'' \leq \aleph_\nu$  for every  $N'' \in \mathcal{S}''$  which — ordered by the set inclusion — is isomorphic with  $\bar{G}$ . Denote by  $\chi$  an isomorphism of  $\bar{G}$  onto  $\mathcal{S}''$ . Let  $\Sigma(N'')$  be the set of all sequences  $\{a_\lambda \mid \lambda < \omega_\nu\}$  of type  $\omega_\nu$  consisting of elements of the set  $N''$  and such that  $m_x(\{a_\lambda \mid \lambda < \omega_\nu\}) = \aleph_\nu$  for every  $x \in N''$ . According to Lemma 2 we have  $\text{card } \Sigma(N'') = 2^{\aleph_\nu}$  for every  $N'' \in \mathcal{S}''$ . As  $\text{card } X \leq \aleph_\nu$  for every  $X \in \bar{G}$  it is possible to define a one-one mapping  $\varphi_X$  of the set  $X$  into  $\Sigma[\chi(X)]$ . Finally, let us define a mapping  $\varphi$  of  $G$  into  $F(\omega_\nu, M \cup \{a\})$  in the same way as in the proof of Theorem 3 of [5], i.e. let  $\varphi(x) = \varphi_X(x)$  where  $x \in X \in \bar{G}$ . In [5] it is shown that  $\varphi$  is an isomorphism of  $G$  onto a certain subset of  $F(\omega_\nu, M \cup \{a\})$ . Because the type of the set  $F(\omega_\nu, M \cup \{a\})$  is  $F(\omega_\nu, m + 1)$ , the theorem is proved.

**Theorem 4.** *Let  $m$  be a cardinal number such that  $0 < m \leq \aleph_\nu$ . Then a quasi-ordered set of type  $F(\omega_\nu, m + 2)$  is an  $m$ -universal quasi-ordered set.*

*Proof.* Let the assumptions of Theorem 4 be fulfilled. If  $m \leq \aleph_0$ , then the

statement follows from Theorem 3 and Theorem 1. If  $m > \aleph_0$ , then we obtain the statement in the following way:

Let  $G$  be a quasi-ordered set such that  $\text{card } G \leq m$ . Then  $\text{card } \bar{G} \leq m$  and according to Theorem 2 the ordered set  $\bar{G}$  is isomorphic with a certain subset  $H \subseteq F(\omega_\nu, M)$ , where  $\nu > 0$  and  $M$  is a set with  $\text{card } M = m$ . Denote by  $\psi$  an isomorphism of  $\bar{G}$  onto  $H$ . Let  $a \in M, b \in M, a \neq b$ , be two elements. Let us construct the class  $\Sigma[\psi(X)]$  for every element  $\psi(X) = \{a_\lambda \mid \lambda < \omega_\nu\} \in H (X \in \bar{G})$  where  $\Sigma[\psi(X)]$  is the set of all sequences which we obtain by inserting the sequence  $\{a, b, a, b, \dots\}$  or  $\{b, a, b, a, \dots\}$  of type  $\omega_0$  after every element  $a_\lambda, \lambda < \omega_\nu$ . Every element  $\xi \in \Sigma[\psi(X)]$  belongs to the set  $F(\omega_\nu, M \cup \{a, b\})$  for every  $X \in \bar{G}$ . For  $\psi(X) \leq \psi(Y)$  and  $\xi \in \Sigma[\psi(X)], \eta \in \Sigma[\psi(Y)]$   $\xi \leq \eta$  holds. Because  $\text{card } \Sigma[\psi(X)] = 2^{\aleph_\nu}$  for every  $X \in \bar{G}$  there exists a one-one mapping  $\varphi_X$  of  $X$  into  $\Sigma[\psi(X)]$  for every  $X \in \bar{G}$ . If we define a mapping  $\varphi$  of  $G$  into  $F(\omega_\nu, M \cup \{a, b\})$  in the same way as in the proof of Theorem of [6], i.e.  $\varphi(x) = \varphi_X(x)$  for  $x \in X \in \bar{G}$ , then  $\varphi$  is an isomorphism of  $G$  onto a certain subset of  $F(\omega_\nu, M \cup \{a, b\})$ . Because the type of the set  $F(\omega_\nu, M \cup \{a, b\})$  is  $F(\omega_\nu, m + 2)$ , the theorem is proved.

Now we shall deal with representations of finite chains and finite antichains by the set  $F(\alpha, M)$ .

**Theorem 5.** *If  $B$  is a chain of type  $\omega_\nu$ , then a quasi-ordered set of type  $F(\omega_\nu, 2)$  contains a subset isomorphic with  $B$ .*

*Proof.* If  $B$  is a chain of type  $\omega_\nu$ , then we can suppose  $B = W(\omega_\nu)$  without loss of generality. Let  $F(\omega_\nu, M)$  be a quasi-ordered set of type  $F(\omega_\nu, 2)$ , where  $M = \{a, b\}$ . To every ordinal number  $\mu \in W(\omega_\nu)$  let us assign a sequence  $f(\mu) = \{c_\lambda^\mu \mid \lambda < \omega_\nu\}$  defined in the following way:

$$c_\lambda^\mu = \begin{cases} a & \text{for } \lambda < \mu, \\ b & \text{for } \mu \leq \lambda < \omega_\nu. \end{cases}$$

It is clear that  $f(\mu) \in F(\omega_\nu, M)$  for every  $\mu \in W(\omega_\nu)$  and that  $f$  is a one-one mapping of the chain  $W(\omega_\nu)$  onto a certain subset  $K \subseteq F(\omega_\nu, M)$ . We shall show that  $f$  is an isomorphism of  $W(\omega_\nu)$  onto  $K$ . Hence let  $\mu_1, \mu_2 \in W(\omega_\nu), \mu_1 \leq \mu_2$ . Then  $f(\mu_1) = \{c_\lambda^{\mu_1} \mid \lambda < \omega_\nu\}, f(\mu_2) = \{c_\lambda^{\mu_2} \mid \lambda < \omega_\nu\}$  and put

$$\gamma_\lambda = \begin{cases} \lambda & \text{for } \lambda < \mu_1, \\ \mu_2 + (\lambda - \mu_1) & \text{for } \mu_1 \leq \lambda < \omega_\nu. \end{cases}$$

Then  $\{\gamma_\lambda \mid \lambda < \omega_\nu\}$  is a strictly increasing sequence of ordinal numbers of type  $\omega_\nu$  and because  $\mu_2 + (\lambda - \mu_1) < \mu_2 + (\omega_\nu - \mu_1) = \omega_\nu$  for  $\mu_1 \leq \lambda < \omega_\nu$  we have  $\gamma_\lambda < \omega_\nu$  for every  $\lambda < \omega_\nu$ . Now if  $c_\lambda^{\mu_1} = a$ , then  $\lambda < \mu_1$  and therefore  $\gamma_\lambda = \lambda < \mu_1 \leq \mu_2$ . This implies  $c_{\gamma_\lambda}^{\mu_2} = a$ . If  $c_\lambda^{\mu_1} = b$ , then  $\mu_1 \leq \lambda < \omega_\nu$  and therefore  $\gamma_\lambda = \mu_2 + (\lambda - \mu_1) \geq \mu_2$ . This implies  $c_{\gamma_\lambda}^{\mu_2} = b$ . Thus,  $c_\lambda^{\mu_1} = c_{\gamma_\lambda}^{\mu_2}$  for every  $\lambda < \omega_\nu$ , i.e.  $f(\mu_1) \leq f(\mu_2)$ . Suppose, on the contrary, that  $f(\mu_1) = \{c_\lambda^{\mu_1} \mid \lambda < \omega_\nu\} \not\leq \{c_\lambda^{\mu_2} \mid \lambda < \omega_\nu\} = f(\mu_2)$ . Then there exists a strictly increasing sequence

$\{\gamma_\lambda \mid \lambda < \omega_\nu\}$  of type  $\omega_\nu$  of ordinal numbers less than  $\omega_\nu$  such that  $c_\lambda^{\mu_1} = c_{\gamma_\lambda}^{\mu_2}$  for every  $\lambda < \omega_\nu$ . If  $\lambda < \mu_1$ , then  $c_\lambda^{\mu_1} = a$  and therefore  $c_{\gamma_\lambda}^{\mu_2} = a$  which implies  $\gamma_\lambda < \mu_2$ . Because  $\lambda \leq \gamma_\lambda$  for every  $\lambda < \omega_\nu$  we obtain  $\lambda < \mu_1 \Rightarrow \lambda < \mu_2$ . This implies  $\mu_1 \leq \mu_2$  and the proof is complete.

**Corollary.** *Let  $m$  be a cardinal number such that  $0 < m < \aleph_0$ . Then a quasi-ordered set of type  $F(\omega_0, 2)$  is an  $m$ -universal set for chains.*

**Proof.** Every finite chain is isomorphic with a certain subset of a chain of type  $\omega_0$ . Now the statement follows from Theorem 5 for  $\nu = 0$ .

**Theorem 6.** *Let  $m$  be a cardinal number such that  $0 < m < \aleph_0$ . Then a quasi-ordered set of type  $F(\omega_0, 3)$  is an  $m$ -universal set for antichains.*

**Proof.** Let the assumptions of Theorem 6 be fulfilled. Let  $P$  be an antichain such that  $\text{card } P \leq m$ . Let  $\alpha$  be an ordinal number with  $\text{card } \alpha = m$ . Then a set of type  $F(\alpha, 2)$  is an antichain of power  $2^m$  and thus it contains a certain subset isomorphic with  $P$ . According to Theorem 1 every set of type  $F(\alpha, 2)$  is isomorphic with a certain subset of a set of type  $F(\omega_0, 3)$ . Thus Theorem 6 is proved.

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