

ON  $[m, n]$ -RAMIFICATIONS OR  $[m, n]$ -PSEUDO-TREES OF SETS\*<sup>1)</sup>

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**0.** *Ramified families* of sets or *pseudo-trees* of sets were defined in Đ. Kurepa [1934 d] p. 112 as any family  $S$  of sets such that

$$(0:1) \quad X, Y \in S \Rightarrow X \subset Y \vee X \supset Y \vee X \cap Y = \emptyset.$$

Obviously, the last implication could be equivalently written as

$$(0:2) \quad X, Y \in S \Rightarrow X \subset Y \vee X \supset Y \vee |X \cap Y| < 1.$$

It is natural to generalize the statement (0:2) and to consider, for any cardinal number  $n$ , the following condition

$$(0:3) \quad X, Y \in S \Rightarrow X \subset Y \vee X \supset Y \vee |X \cap Y| < n.$$

**0:4.**  $[m, n]$ -ramifications. Let  $(m, n)$  be any ordered pair of cardinal numbers  $\neq 0$ ; a system  $S$  of sets is said to be  $[m, n]$ -ramified or  $[m, n]$ -pseudotree provided

$$(0:5) \quad (X, Y) \in S^2 \Rightarrow X \subset_m Y \vee Y \subset_m X \vee X|_n Y, \text{ where}$$

$$(0:6) \quad X \subset_m Y: \equiv |X \setminus Y| < m.$$

$$(0:6') \quad X|_n Y: \equiv |X \cap Y| < n.$$

Consequently,  $A \subset_1 B$ ; means  $A \subset B$ ; also  $A|_1 B$  means  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ .

**0:7.** *Relation*  $[m, n]$ . For any oriented pair  $(m, n)$  of cardinal numbers  $> 0$  and any oriented pair  $(A, B)$  of sets let  $A [m, n] B: = A \subset B \vee B \subset_m A \vee A|_n B$ ; one says that  $A [m, n]$ -ramifies  $B$ .

**0:8.** *Graph*  $(F, [m, n])$ . If  $F$  is any family of sets, then we have the graph  $(F, [m, n])$ , the set of vertices is  $F$ , and the binary relation  $[m, n]$  holds or does not hold for a given  $(A, B) \in F^2$ . In this way,  $[m, n]$ -ramifications coincide with complete ramified graphs  $(F, [m, n])$  (of course, in general, the graph  $(F, [m, n])$  is not a  $[m, n]$ -ramification because in general case the relation  $A [m, n] B$  need not hold for  $(A, B) \in F^2$ ).

**0:9.** *m-chains of sets. n-disjoint set systems.*

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Analogously, we have the graphs  $(F, \lfloor_n)$ ,  $(F, \subset_m)$ ,  $(F, \subset_m)$ ,  $(F, \subset_m \vee \supset_m)$ , etc. If  $(A, B) \in F^2 \Rightarrow A \subset_m B \vee B \subset_m A$ , one says that  $F$  is an  $m$ -chain of sets (with respect to  $\subset_m$  or  $\supset_m$ ). If  $(A, B) \in F^2 \Rightarrow A \not\subset_m B$ , one says that  $F$  is an  $m$ -disjoint set system or an  $m$ -antichain of sets. E. g. for a set  $S$  the set  $(P(S), \subset)$  is a  $|S|$ -chain as well a  $|S|$ -antichain.  $[m, n]$ -ramifications are natural generalizations of ramifications (i.e. of  $[1, 1]$  ramifications); and so for every statement concerning pseudo-trees [trees] one has to examine the corresponding version for  $[m, n]$ -ramifications ( $[m, n]$ -trees).

So e. g. we have the following

**0:10. Lemma.** If  $(F, [m, n])$  is any  $(m, n)$ -ramification of decreasing sets, then for every  $X \in F$  such that  $|X| \geq n$  the corresponding principal ideal i.e. the set of all  $Y \in F$  such that  $Y_m \supset X$  is an  $m$ -chain. (for the case  $[m, n] = [1, 1]$  v. Kurepa [1935] condition C pp. 69, 81).

**0:11. Convention. Terminology.** The prefix  $[1, 1]$  could be deleted; also:

$[m, n]$ -ramified  $\equiv m$ -comparable;  $[1, 0]$ -ramified  $\equiv 1$ -comparable  $\equiv$  comparable,

$[0, n]$ -ramified  $\equiv n$ -disjoint;

$[0, 1]$ -ramified  $\equiv 1$ -disjoint  $\equiv$  disjoint;

$[1, 1]$ -ramified = ramified (v. Đ. Kurepa [1934 d] p. 112).

**0:12. Almost disjointness.** In the list of these relations let us remind the relation "to be almost disjoint" introduced by W. Sierpiński [1928] (v. [1975] 719—722).

A set  $A$  is almost disjoint from the set  $B$ , symbolically  $A [a \cdot d] B \Leftrightarrow |A \cap B| < |A|, |B|$ .

**0:13. Almost comparability.** A set  $A$  is almost comparable  $[a \cdot c]$  or  $ac$  to a set  $B$ , symbolically  $A [ac] B \Leftrightarrow$  one of the numbers  $|A \setminus B|, |B \setminus A|$  is  $< |A|, |B|$ ; i.e.

$$Aac B \Leftrightarrow \neg |A \setminus B|, |B \setminus A| \geq |A|, |B|.$$

**0:14. Almost ramification.**

**0:14:1. Definition.** A family  $F$  of sets is said to be almost ramified  $[a \cdot r.]$  or an almost pseudotree if any pair of its members are almost disjoint or almost comparable. In particular,  $F$  is any almost chain [almost antichain] if every pair of its distinct members are a. comparable [a. disjoint].

**0:14:2. Almost inclusion tree** is any almost ramified system of sets in which every almost chain  $L$  has an own member  $x \in L$  such that  $x$  is almost contained in every member of  $L$ .

**0:14:3.** A set  $A$  is almost contained in a set  $B$ , symbolically

$$A \underset{a}{\subset} B \Leftrightarrow |B \setminus A| < |A|.$$

One says also that  $B$  almost contains  $A$  and one writes  $B \underset{a}{\supset} A$ .

**0:14:4.** Dually, one defines almost dual inclusion trees.

Consequently, for any family  $F$  of sets we have also the graphs  $(F, ac)$   $(F, ad)$ ,  $(F, ar)$ , and the following cardinal numbers:

**0:15.** For every family  $F$  of sets we have following numbers;

$$(0:16) \text{ ad } F: = \sup \{ |A| \dots A \subset F, A \text{ is almost disjoint} \}$$

$$(0:17) \text{ ac } F: = \sup \{ |L| \dots L \subset F, L \text{ is almost chain} \}^1)$$

$$(0:18) \text{ ar } F: = \sup \{ |R| \dots R \subset F, R \text{ is almost ramified} \}.$$

0:19. It matters to explore especially the case when  $F=P(B)$  when  $F=G(V)$ ,  $V$  being a topological space and  $G(V)$  being the system of all open subsets of the space.

**0:20.** On some kinds of extremal numbers.

For a given structure  $(E, \rho)$  one has various substructures  $(A, P)$ ; for any kind  $P$  of such structures we define the family  $(P)$  of all substructures of  $(E, \rho)$  of the given kind  $P$ ; further we define following numbers:

$$(0:21) i(P): = \inf |X| (X \in (P))$$

$$(0:22) S(P): = \sup |X| (X \in (P))$$

as well as the following *exhaustion numbers*:

$$(0:23) ie(P): = \inf_F |F| \text{ where } F \subset (P), \cup F = E \text{ (inf exhaustion number)}$$

$$(0:24) Se(P): = \sup \{ |F| \text{ where } F \subset (P), \cup F = E \text{ (Sup exhaustion number).}$$

E. g. if  $P$  means "to be a subchain" then the corresponding inf-exhaustion number was called the star number of  $(E, \leq)$ .

**0:25.** We are interested in particular for the  $[m, n]$ -subramifications of a given graph  $(G, \rho)$  and corresponding numbers

$$ie[m, n], Se[m, n], \sup |X|, X \in (P), \inf_{x \in (P)} |X|.$$

**0:26. Generalizations.** For ann 3-un ( $\equiv$  oriented triplet)  $(m_1, m_2, n)$  of cardinal numbers and any 2-un  $(A, B)$  of sets one could define the relation

$$A[m_1, m_2, n]B: \equiv A \subset_{m_1} B \vee B \subset_{m_2} A \vee A \text{ ,n } B.$$

This case would be again a special case of the following notion:

For any  $2 \times k$  matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} m_1, \dots, m_k \\ n_1, \dots, n_k \end{bmatrix}$  of positive cardinal numbers and any  $1+k$ -un  $[X_0, X_1, \dots, X_k]$  of sets one considers the relation

$$X_0 X_1 \dots X_k \begin{bmatrix} m_1, \dots, m_k \\ n_1, \dots, n_k \end{bmatrix}: \equiv (X_0 \subset_{m_1} X_1 \subset_{m_2} X_2 \subset_{m_3} \dots \subset_{m_k} X_k) \vee \\ (X_0 \text{ |}_{n_1} X_1 \vee X_1 \text{ |}_{m_1} X_2 \vee \dots \vee X_{k-1} \text{ |}_{n_k} X_k).$$

Again one has the corresponding  $1+k$ -ary graph  $(F, [ \ ])$  for any family  $F$  of sets.

<sup>1)</sup> ... = such that.

**0:27. Generalization to ordered sets.** If  $(E, \leq)$  is any ordered set then the mapping  $x \in E \rightarrow [a, \cdot]_{(E, \leq)} := \{x \cdot \cdot a \mid x \in E\}$  is an isomorphism between  $(E, \leq)$  and  $(\{[a, \cdot]_{(E, \leq)} \mid a \in E\}, \supset)$ . By convention we transfer terminology of ordered sets  $(F, \supset)$  to any ordered [quasiordered] sets  $(E, \leq)$ <sup>1)</sup>. So we have  $[m, n]$ -ramifications,  $m$ -quasichains,  $n$ -quasiantichains,  $n$ -disjoint ordered sets, ... not only of the form  $(F, \supset)$  but also the ones of the form  $(E, \leq)$ .

**1. Binary relation  $\dot{-}_n$**  Instead of  $|A \dot{-} B| < n$  let us write  $A \dot{-}_n B$ . In this way for any system  $S$  of sets and any cardinal number  $n$  we have the symmetrical graph  $(S, \dot{-}_n)$ . One sets  $A \dot{-} B := (A \setminus B) \cup (B \setminus A)$ .

**1:1. Theorem.** *If  $S$  is any infinite set and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then every complete graph  $(G, \dot{-}_{\aleph_0})$ , for which  $G \subset P(S)$  has  $\leq |S|$  members.*

**Proof.** Let  $g \in G \subset P(S)$ ; then  $g \subset S$ ; since  $g \dot{-}_{\aleph_0} y'$  for every  $y' \in G$ , one has necessarily

(1:2)  $y' = (g \setminus X) \cup Y$ , where  $X, Y$  are subsets of  $S$ , each of cardinality  $< \aleph_0$ , i.e.  $X, Y \in (S) := \{X \cdot \cdot X \subset S, |X| < \aleph_0\}$ . Since the last set is of cardinality  $|S| + |S|^2 + \dots = |S|$ , the system of all sets (1:2) is  $|S|, Q \cdot E \cdot D$ .

1:1 is a particular case of the following

**1:3. Theorem.** *Let  $S$  be any set and  $n$  any cardinal number  $\leq |S|$ ; if  $G \subset P(S)$  and the graph  $(G, \dot{-}_n)$  is complete, then  $|G| \leq \sum_{k < n} S^k$ .*

**1:4. Remark.** The theorem 1:1. is to be compared to the corresponding statement concerning complete graphs  $(G, \dot{-}_{\aleph_0})$ ,  $G \subset P(S)$ ; in this case  $|G|$  might be  $> |S|$ ; so is e.g. if  $cf |S| = \aleph_0$ .

**2. Binary relation  $|_n$  among sets.**

2:1. For any cardinal  $n > 0$  and any 2-un  $(A, B)$  of sets let  $A |_n B := |A \cap B| < n$ . In particular,  $A |_1 B$  means that  $A, B$  are disjoint.

For any system  $S$  of sets one has so the corresponding binary graph  $(S, |_n)$ .

**2:2. Remark.** Analogously, for any cardinal number  $j$  and any system  $F$  of  $j$  sets one could define the relations  $(F)$  to mean  $|\cap F| < j$ .

**2:3. Lemma.** For any ordinal number  $\nu$ , any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and any  $G \subset P(\omega_\nu)$ , one has

(2:4) The graph  $(G, |_n)$  is complete  $\Rightarrow |G| \leq \aleph_\nu$ ; i.e. if  $\{X, Y\} \neq \emptyset \subset G \Rightarrow Y |_n X$  then  $|G| \leq \aleph_\nu$ .

**Proof.** The implication (2:4) is obvious for  $n=1$ . Let us assume, by induction argument, that (2:4) holds for every  $m < r$ ,  $r$  being a fixed number  $< \omega_\nu$ ; we are going to prove that (2:4) holds also for  $m=r$ . In opposite case, there would exist a complete graph  $(G, |_r)$  such that

<sup>1)</sup> In my Abstracts p. 46 of Budapest Conference the occuring of the sets  $(\cdot, \cdot)_E$  should be replaced by the sets  $[\cdot, \cdot]_{(E, \leq)}$ .

(i)  $G \subset P(\omega_\nu)$ ,  $|G| = \aleph_{\nu+1}$ . For every  $\beta < \omega_\nu$  let  $A_\beta$  be the set of all members of  $G$ , each containing  $\beta$  as a member. Obviously,  $A = \bigcup_{\beta} A_\beta$  ( $\beta < \omega_\nu$ ) and  $|A| \leq \sum |A_\beta|$  ( $\beta < \omega_\nu$ ). Since by hypothesis  $|A| = \aleph_{\nu+1}$  there would be some  $\beta < \omega_\nu$  such that  $|A(\beta)| = |A| = \aleph_{\nu+1}$ . Now, if we set  $B := \{X \setminus \{\beta\} \dots X \in A_\beta\}$ , then of course

(ii)  $|B| = |A| = \aleph_{\nu+1}$ ; but  $(B, |_{r-1})$  is a complete graph such that  $B \subset P(\omega_\nu)$ ; by assumption hypothesis,  $|B| \leq \aleph_\nu$ , contradicting (ii) that was implied by (i); therefore (i) does not hold.

### 3. $[m, n]$ -trees.

3:1. Definition. A  $[m, n]$ -pseudotree  $T$  of sets is said to be a *decreasing  $[m, n]$ -tree* of sets if every subset  $X$  of  $T$  contains a *complete first level*  $R_0 X$ , i.e. a subset  $R_0 X$  so that for every  $x \in X$  there exists some  $x_0 \in R_0 X$  such that  $x_0 \supset_m x_n$ .

3:2. By induction procedure like for trees, (v. Kurepa [1935] p. 74) one defines all levels  $R_\beta T$  and the height or rank  $\gamma T$  of  $T$  as the first ordinal  $\nu$  such that  $R_\nu T = R_{\nu+1} T$ .

3:3. Theorem. If  $(m, n) \in N_0^2$ , then any decreasing  $[m, n]$ -subtree  $(T, \supset)$  of  $P(\omega_\nu)$  is  $\leq \aleph_\nu$  ( $N_0 := \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ ).

Proof. We have the standard decomposition

$$T = \bigcup_{\alpha} R_\alpha T, (\alpha < \gamma T);$$

in virtue of 2:1 Th. every level  $R_\alpha T$  is  $\leq \aleph_\nu$ ; we claim that the height  $\gamma(T)$  is  $< \omega_{\nu+1}$ . For every  $\beta < \omega_\nu$  let  $T(\alpha) := \{X \dots x \in X \in T\}$ . Obviously

$$T = \bigcup_{\alpha} T(\alpha) (\alpha < \omega_\nu) \quad \text{and} \quad |T| \leq \sum_{\alpha} |T(\alpha)| \quad (\alpha < \omega_\nu).$$

We claim that  $\gamma T(\alpha) < \omega_{\nu+1}$ . Assume  $\gamma T(\alpha) \geq \omega_{\nu+1}$  for some  $\alpha < \omega_\nu$ . Assume  $\gamma T((\alpha) = \omega_{\nu+1}$  and let

(3:4)  $A_\beta \in R_\beta T(\alpha)$  ( $\beta < \omega_{\nu+1}$ ); then

$$A_\xi \supset_m A_\eta \text{ for every } \xi < \eta < \omega_{\nu+1}.$$

The sets  $A_\beta \setminus A_{\beta+1}$  ( $\beta < \omega_{\nu+1}$ ) being disjoint subsets of  $W(\omega_\nu)$ , there is some  $\delta < \omega_{\nu+1}$  such that  $A_\beta \setminus A_{\beta+1} = \emptyset$  ( $\delta < \beta < \omega_{\nu+1}$ ). Hence for every  $\beta > \delta$  the set  $A_\beta$  differs of  $A_\delta$  by a finite subset of  $W(\omega_\nu)$ ; therefore the system of all  $A_\beta$  ( $\beta < \omega_{\nu+1}$ ) is  $\leq \aleph_\nu$ , contrarily to hypothesis that the sets (3:4) are pairwise distinct. Thus  $\gamma T(\alpha) < \omega_{\nu+1}$  and consequently,  $|T(\alpha)| \leq \aleph_\nu$ . ||

3:5. Corollary. If  $n \in N$  every  $n$ -well-ordered subset of  $(P \omega_\nu, \supset)$ , is  $\leq \aleph_\nu$ ; where we have the following

3:6. Definition of  $n$ -well-ordered systems of sets. A family  $(F, \supset)$  of sets is said to be  $n$ -well-ordered, if every non empty subfamily  $E$  has a  $n$ -least member, i.e. a member  $X_0 \in E$  such that  $X_0 \supset_n X$  for every  $X \in E$ .

4. Theorems. We are going to indicate two theorems showing a great difference between finite sets and transfinite sets.

**4:1. Theorem.** *If  $S$  is any finite set, the system  $P(S)$  is  $|S|$ -disjoint and almost ramified.*

**Proof.** Let  $X, Y$  be any distinct subsets of  $S$ ; then  $|X \cap Y| < |S|$ ; in opposite case, the set  $Z := X \cap Y$  would contain  $\geq |S|$  points. Since  $X \neq Y$ , there would be a point  $u \in (X \setminus Y) \cup (Y \setminus X)$ , thus  $u \notin Z$ ; therefore, the subset  $Z \cup \{u\}$  would contain  $\geq |S| + 1 > |S|$  members-absurdity. Thus  $P(S)$  is  $|S|$ -disjoint.  $P(S)$  is also almost ramified because if  $X, Y \subset S$  are not almost disjoint, one of the numbers  $|X|, |Y|$  would be  $|Z|$ , say  $|X| = |X \cap Y|$ , thus  $X \subset Y$ , thus  $X \setminus Y = \emptyset$ .

**4:2. Theorem.** *If  $S$  is any transfinite set, the system  $P(S)$  is neither  $[|S|, |S|]$ -ramified nor is the union of less than  $|P(S)|$  of  $[|S|, |S|]$ -ramifications.  $P(S)$  is the union of the system of  $2^{|S|}$   $[|S|, |S|]$ -ramifications. Symbolically, ie  $[n, n]P(n) = 2 \cdot (v \cdot 0 : 23)$ .*

At first we have the following.

**4:2. Lemma.** *If  $S$  is any infinite set, then  $P(S)$  contains a system  $V$  of cardinality  $2^{|S|}$  and has the property that*

(4:3:1)  $X, Y \in V, X \neq Y \Rightarrow |X \setminus Y| = |Y \setminus X| = |X \cap Y| = |S| := s$ ; in other words, the ordered set  $(P(S) \supset)$  is equinumerous to an antialmost ramified subsystem.

**Proof of the 4:3 L.** Since  $|S| := s$  is infinite, thus  $s = 2s$ , there is a decomposition of  $S$  in 2 disjoint subsets, say  $A, B$ , of cardinality  $s$  each:

$$S = A \cup B, A \cap B = \emptyset, |A| = |B| = s.$$

Since  $s = 2s^2$  there is a disjoint decomposition  $e$  of  $A$ :

$$a \in A \rightarrow e(a) := f(a) \cup g(a) \subset A \text{ such that } |f(a)| = s = |g(a)|,$$

$$f(a) \cap g(a) = \emptyset = e(a) \cap e(b) \text{ for any } b \in A \setminus \{a\} \text{ and } \bigcup_{a \in A} e(a) = A.$$

For any  $X \subset A$  set

$$h(X) := B \cup \bigcup_x f(x) \cup \bigcup_y g(y), (x \in \bigcup_{a \in X} f(a), y \in A \setminus \bigcup_{x \in X} f(x)).$$

The system  $V := \{h(X) \dots X \in A\}$  has all the three requested properties (4:3:1).

As a matter of fact, for every distinct  $X, Y \subset A$  we have  $h(X) = h(Y) = B$ ; further,  $X \neq Y$  implies that some  $z \in X \dot{-} Y (\equiv \text{symmetric difference of } X, Y)$ , thus  $z \in (X \setminus Y) \vee z \in (Y \setminus X)$ . If  $z \in X \setminus Y$  then  $f(z) \subset h(X), f(z) \cap h(Y) = \emptyset$ , thus  $h(X) \supset h(Y) \supset f(z)$ , hence  $|h(X) \setminus h(Y)| = s$ . Analogously,  $z \in Y \setminus X$  implies  $|h(Y) \setminus h(X)| = s$ .

**4:3:2. Remark.** My primitive proof of 4:3 Lemma was completely different; St. Todorčević called my attention to Kuratowski [1966] p. 435 Teor. 3; v. also Kuratowski [1933], p. 218 hint.<sup>4)</sup>

**4:3:3. Proof of 4:2 Theorem.** Let

(4:3:4)  $P(S) = \cup_i T_i (i \in I), T_i$  being an  $[s, s]$ -ramification  $\subset P(S)$ ; we claim that the index set  $I$  satisfies  $|I| \geq 2^s$ . The decomposition (4:3:4) implies the corresponding decomposition of the system  $V$  occurring in 5:3 L:

$$V = V \cap P(S) = \cup_{i \in I} V \cap T_i. \text{ Thus}$$

$$(4:3:5) \quad |V| \leq \sum_{i \in I} |V \cap T_i|;$$

for no  $i \in I$  the set  $V \cap T_i$  contains 2 or more distinct members  $X, Y$  because of (4:3:1) as members of  $V$  and because of  $X, Y \in T_i \Rightarrow s \notin \{|X \setminus Y|, |Y \setminus X|, |X \cap Y|\}$  for every  $i \in I$ . In other words, (4:3:5) implies

$$|V| \leq \sum_{i \in I} 1 = |I|. \quad ||$$

Finally, if  $X \in PS$ , then the singleton  $\{X\}$  is obviously a subchain of  $(P(S), \subset)$ , the partition  $P(S) = \bigcup_X \{X\}$  ( $X \in P(S)$ ) shows that  $P(S)$  is the union of a system of cardinality  $|P(S)|$  of  $[n, n]$ -ramifications  $\subset (P(S), \subset)$ .

**4:4. Theorem.** *If  $n$  is any transfinite cardinal, the set system  $P(n)$  is not almost ramified.  $P(n)$  is the union of an almost antichain  $A$  of cardinality  $2^{(n^+)}$  of sets of power  $n$  each; thus  $\text{iear } P(n) = 1$ .*

The proof of the first part of the theorem 4:4 is analogous to the proof of 4:2 Theorem. The second part of the 4:4 theorem is the theorem 17 in Tarski [1928].

**4:5.** In connexion with 4:2, 4:4 theorems let us remark that the  $[n, n]$ -ramifications [almost pseudotrees]  $X$  involved might be maximal. On the other hand every maximal  $[|n|, |n|]$ -pseudotree  $R \subset P(n)$  has  $\geq 2^n := \sum_{k < n} 2^k$  members. As a matter of fact, if  $X \subset S$  and  $|X| < n$ , then  $P(X)$  is an  $[n, n]$ -ramified (even an  $n$ -chain and an  $n$ -antichain); the union  $P(x) \cup R$  is also  $[n, n]$ -ramified; the maximality of  $R$  implies  $P(X) \cup R = R$ ; therefore  $|P(X)| \leq |R|$  i.e.  $2^{|X|} \leq |R|$  and a fortiori  $2^n \leq |R|$  because  $|X|$  may run through all cardinals  $< n$ .

Further let us remind that  $(P(n), \subset)$  contains chains  $> n$  (v. W. Sierpiński [1922], [1977] p. 109—112) as well as almost pseudotrees  $> n$  (v. Sierpiński [1928], [1977]). Hence when we are dealing with a decomposition  $P(S) = \bigcup_{i \in I} T_i$  in  $[s, s]$ -ramifications [almost pseudotrees]  $T_i, T_i$  might be quite great parts of  $P(S)$ ; nevertheless, the cardinal number of  $I$  is  $\geq 2^s$ . It is every useful to compare this situation of exhausting  $P(n)$  by means of  $[n, n]$ -ramifications [almost ramifications] with the situation when one is exhausting the unit interval by means of sets of measure 0 or with sets of the Baire's category 1. In our present case the statement is decidable (assuming the choice axiom), while either of the last 2 statements is undecidable.

**5. Statements  $r(n)$  and  $ar(n)$  concerning any cardinal number  $n$ :**

- $r(n)$   $P(n)$  is equinumerous to a  $[n, n]$ -ramification  $\subset p(n)$
- $ar(n)$   $P(n)$  is equinumerous to an almost ramification  $\subset p(n)$ .

Further results and extensio will appear elsewhere.

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14 <sub>2</sub> existence	existence
15 <sub>16</sub> toute	tout
16 <sup>3</sup> avant	ayant
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30 <sub>10</sub> continu dans	contenu dans
32 <sup>7</sup> une	
36 <sub>8</sub> AB	$G \neq A \quad G \neq B$
56 <sup>6</sup> $(1 + \lambda)$	$[1 + \lambda]$
72 <sub>15</sub> $\leq$	$<$
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