

# A WEIRD RELATION BETWEEN TWO CARDINALS

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**Abstract.** For a set  $M$ , let  $\text{seq}(M)$  denote the set of all finite sequences which can be formed with elements of  $M$ , and let  $[M]^2$  denote the set of all 2-element subsets of  $M$ . Furthermore, for a set  $A$ , let  $\overline{A}$  denote the cardinality of  $A$ . It will be shown that the following statement is consistent with Zermelo-Fraenkel Set Theory ZF: There exists a set  $M$  such that  $\overline{\text{seq}(M)} < \overline{[M]^2}$  and no function  $f : [M]^2 \rightarrow \text{seq}(M)$  is finite-to-one.

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## 1 Introduction

Let  $M$  be a set. Then  $\text{fin}(M)$  denotes the set of all finite subsets of  $M$ ,  $[M]^2$  denotes the set of all 2-element subsets of  $M$ , and  $\text{seq}(M)$  denotes the set of all finite sequences which can be formed with elements of  $M$ .

For a set  $A$ , let  $\overline{A}$  denote the cardinality of  $A$ . We write  $\overline{A} = \overline{B}$ , if there exists a bijection between  $A$  and  $B$ , and we write  $\overline{A} \leq \overline{B}$ , if there exists a bijection between  $A$  and a subset  $B' \subseteq B$  (i.e.,  $\overline{A} \leq \overline{B}$  if and only if there exists an injection from  $A$  into  $B$ ). Finally, we write  $\overline{A} < \overline{B}$  if  $\overline{A} \leq \overline{B}$  and  $\overline{A} \neq \overline{B}$ . By the CANTOR-BERNSTEIN THEOREM, which is provable in ZF only (i.e., without using the Axiom of Choice), we get that  $\overline{A} \leq \overline{B}$  and  $\overline{A} \geq \overline{B}$  implies  $\overline{A} = \overline{B}$ .

In [1], Shelah constructed a permutation model in which there exists an infinite set  $M$ , such that  $\overline{\text{seq}(M)} < \overline{\text{fin}(M)}$  (see [1, Theorem 2] or [3, Proposition 7.17]). Later in [2] it was shown that a modification of that permutation model gives a model in which there exists an infinite set  $M$ , such that  $\overline{M \times M} < \overline{[M]^2}$  (see [2, Proposition 7.3.1] or [3, Proposition 7.18]). In this note we shall see that a further modification of that model gives a model in which there is an infinite set  $M$ , such that  $\overline{\text{seq}(M)} < \overline{[M]^2}$ . Notice that  $\overline{\text{seq}(M)} < \overline{[M]^2}$  implies  $\overline{\text{seq}(M)} < \overline{\text{fin}(M)}$  as well as  $\overline{M \times M} < \overline{[M]^2}$ .

## 2 Permutation Models

In order to make the paper self-contained, we give a brief introduction to permutation models (see also [3] or [4]). First we introduce models of **ZFA**, which is set theory with atoms. Set theory with atoms is characterized by the fact that it admits objects other than sets, namely **atoms**. Atoms are objects which do not have any elements but which are distinct from the empty-set. The development of the theory **ZFA** is essentially the same as that of **ZF** (except for the definition of ordinals, where we have to require that an ordinal does not have atoms among its elements). Let  $A$  be a set. Then by transfinite recursion on  $\alpha \in \Omega$  we can define  $\mathcal{P}^\alpha(S)$  as follows:  $\mathcal{P}^0(S) := S$ ,  $\mathcal{P}^{\alpha+1}(S) := \mathcal{P}^\alpha(S) \cup \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}^\alpha(S))$  and  $\mathcal{P}^\alpha(S) := \bigcup_{\beta \in \alpha} \mathcal{P}^\beta(S)$  when  $\alpha$  is a limit ordinal. Further let  $\mathcal{P}^\infty(S) := \bigcup_{\alpha \in \Omega} \mathcal{P}^\alpha(S)$ . If  $\mathcal{M}$  is a model of **ZFA** and  $A$  is the set of atoms of  $\mathcal{M}$ , then we have  $\mathcal{M} := \mathcal{P}^\infty(A)$ . The class  $M_0 := \mathcal{P}^\infty(\emptyset)$  is a model of **ZF** and is called the **kernel**. Notice that all ordinals belong to the kernel.

The underlying idea of permutation models, which are models of **ZFA**, is the fact that the axioms of **ZFA** do not distinguish between the atoms, and so a permutation of the set of atoms induces an automorphism of the universe. The method of permutation models was introduced by Adolf Fraenkel and, in a precise version (with supports), by Andrzej Mostowski. The version with filters is due to Ernst Specker.

In order to construct a permutation model, we usually start with a set of atoms  $A$  and then define a group  $G$  of permutations or automorphisms of  $A$  (where a permutation of  $A$  is a one-to-one mapping from  $A$  onto  $A$ ). However, we can also build the set of atoms  $A$  and the permutation group  $G$  simultaneously step by step, as in Shelah's construction.

We say that a set  $\mathcal{F}$  of subgroups of  $G$  is a **normal filter** on  $G$  if for all subgroups  $H, K$  of  $G$  we have:

- (A)  $G \in \mathcal{F}$
- (B) if  $H \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $H \subseteq K$ , then  $K \in \mathcal{F}$
- (C) if  $H \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $K \in \mathcal{F}$ , then  $H \cap K \in \mathcal{F}$
- (D) if  $\pi \in G$  and  $H \in \mathcal{F}$ , then  $\pi H \pi^{-1} \in \mathcal{F}$
- (E) for each  $a \in A$ ,  $\{\pi \in G : \pi a = a\} \in \mathcal{F}$

Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a normal filter on  $G$ . We say that  $x$  is **symmetric** (with respect to  $G$ ) if the group

$$\text{sym}_G(x) := \{\pi \in G : \pi x = x\}$$

belongs to  $\mathcal{F}$ . By (E) we have that every  $a \in A$  is symmetric.

Let  $\mathcal{V}$  be the class of all hereditarily symmetric objects; then  $\mathcal{V}$  is a transitive model of ZFA. We call  $\mathcal{V}$  a permutation model. Because every  $a \in A$  is symmetric, we get that the set of atoms  $A$  belongs to  $\mathcal{V}$ .

Now, every  $\pi \in G$  induces an  $\in$ -automorphism of the universe  $\mathcal{V}$ . Because  $\emptyset$  is hereditarily symmetric and for all ordinals  $\alpha$  the set  $\mathcal{P}^\alpha(\emptyset)$  is hereditarily symmetric too, the class  $\mathbf{V} := \mathcal{P}^\infty(\emptyset)$  is a class in  $\mathcal{V}$  which is equal to the kernel  $M_0$ . In particular, for every  $\pi \in G$  and every ordinal  $\alpha \in \Omega$  we have  $\pi\alpha = \alpha$ .

Since the atoms  $x \in A$  do not contain any elements, but are distinct from the empty-set, the permutation models are not models of ZF. However, with the JECH-SOCHOR EMBEDDING THEOREM (see for example [4] or [3]) one can embed arbitrarily large fragments of a permutation model in a well-founded model of ZF. In particular, if we can prove that in a permutation model a certain relation between two cardinalities holds, then this relation is consistent with ZF.

Most of the well-known permutation models are of the following simple type: Let  $G$  be a group of permutations of  $A$ . For each finite set  $E \in \text{fin}(A)$ , let

$$\text{Fix}_G(E) := \{ \pi \in G : \forall a \in E (\pi a = a) \},$$

and let  $\mathcal{F}$  be the filter on  $G$  generated by the subgroups  $\{\text{Fix}_G(E) : E \in \text{fin}(A)\}$ . Then  $\mathcal{F}$  is a normal filter and  $x$  is symmetric if and only if there exists a set of atoms  $E_x \in \text{fin}(A)$  such that

$$\text{Fix}_G(E_x) \subseteq \text{sym}_G(x).$$

We say that  $E_x$  is a **support** of  $x$ . So, a set  $x$  belongs to the permutation model  $\mathcal{V}$  (with respect to  $G$  and  $\mathcal{F}$ ), if and only if  $x$  has a finite support  $E_x \in \text{fin}(A)$ .

### 3 A Shelah-Type Permutation Model

As mentioned above, Shelah constructed in [1] a permutation model in which there is a set  $M$  with  $\overline{\text{seq}(M)} < \overline{\text{fin}(M)}$ . We give now a modified version of this model and show that for its set of atoms  $A$  we have  $\overline{\text{seq}(A)} < \overline{[A]^2}$  and no function  $f : [A]^2 \rightarrow \text{seq}(A)$  is finite-to-one.

The set of atoms of this Shelah-type permutation model is built by induction, where every atom encodes a finite sequences of atoms on lower levels.

The atoms of the model are constructed as follows:

- ( $\alpha$ ) Let  $A_0$  be an arbitrary infinite set.
- ( $\beta$ )  $G_0$  is the group of *all* permutations of  $A_0$ .
- ( $\gamma$ )  $A_{n+1} := A_n \cup \{(n+1, p, \varepsilon) : p \in \bigcup_{k=0}^{n+1} A_n^k \wedge \varepsilon \in \{0, 1\}\}$ .
- ( $\delta$ )  $G_{n+1}$  is the subgroup of the permutation group of  $A_{n+1}$  containing all permutations  $\sigma$  for which there are  $\pi_\sigma \in G_n$  and  $\varepsilon_\sigma \in \{0, 1\}$  such that

$$\sigma(x) = \begin{cases} \pi_\sigma(x) & \text{if } x \in A_n, \\ (n+1, \pi_\sigma(p), \varepsilon_\sigma +_2 \varepsilon) & \text{if } x = (n+1, p, \varepsilon), \end{cases}$$

where for  $p = \langle p_0, \dots, p_{l-1} \rangle \in \bigcup_{0 \leq k \leq n+1} A_n^k$ ,  $\pi_\sigma(p) := \langle \pi_\sigma(p_0), \dots, \pi_\sigma(p_l) \rangle$  and  $+_2$  denotes addition modulo 2.

Let  $A := \bigcup \{A_n : n \in \omega\}$  be the set of atoms and let  $\text{Aut}(A)$  be the group of all permutations of  $A$ . Then

$$G := \{H \in \text{Aut}(A) : \forall n \in \omega (H|_{A_n} \in G_n)\}$$

is a group of permutations of  $A$ . Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be the normal filter on  $G$  generated by  $\{\text{Fix}_G(E) : E \in \text{fin}(A)\}$ , and let  $\mathcal{V}_S$  be the class of all hereditarily symmetric sets.

*Remark:* In the construction of the permutation model  $\mathcal{V}_S$ , we can equally well start with an infinite set of atoms  $A$ , partitioned into countably many infinite sets  $A_n$  for  $n \in \omega$ . Then, we define for every  $n \in \omega$  a bijection between the set of finite sequences of length at most  $n+1$  which can be formed with elements of  $\bigcup_{i \leq n} A_i$  and a set  $P_{n+1} \subseteq [A_{n+1}]^2$  of pairwise disjoint 2-element subsets of  $A_{n+1}$ . Finally, we define the group  $G$  as the group of permutations which swap the elements of  $P_{n+1}$  and which respect the bijections.

As an immediate consequence of the definitions we get that for each  $n \in \omega$ , the set  $A_n$  belongs to  $\mathcal{V}_S$ . In particular, the function

$$\begin{aligned} f : \omega &\rightarrow \mathcal{P}(A) \\ n &\mapsto A_n \end{aligned}$$

is an injective function which belongs to  $\mathcal{V}_S$ . Moreover, for each atom  $a \in A$  there exists a least number  $n \in \omega$  such that  $a \in A_n$ . In particular, there exists a surjection  $f : A \rightarrow \omega$  which belongs to  $\mathcal{V}_S$ .

Now, we are ready to prove our main result.

**Theorem.** Let  $A$  be the set of atoms of  $\mathfrak{V}_S$ . Then

$$\mathfrak{V}_S \models \overline{\text{seq}(A)} < \overline{[A]^2}$$

and no function  $F : [A]^2 \rightarrow \text{seq}(A)$  in  $\mathfrak{V}_S$  is finite-to-one.

*Proof.* First we show that  $\mathfrak{V}_S \models \overline{\text{seq}(A)} \leq \overline{[A]^2}$ . For this it is sufficient to find an injective function  $f \in \mathfrak{V}_S$  from  $\text{seq}(A)$  into  $[A]^2$ . We define such a function as follows. For a finite sequence  $s = \langle a_0, \dots, a_{l-1} \rangle \in \text{seq}(A)$  let

$$f(s) := \{(m + l, s, 0), (m + l, s, 1)\},$$

where  $m$  is the smallest number such that  $\{a_0, \dots, a_{l-1}\} \subseteq A_m$ . For any  $\pi \in G$  and  $s = \langle a_0, \dots, a_{l-1} \rangle \in \text{seq}(A)$  we have  $\pi f(s) = f(\pi(s))$  and therefore, the function  $f$  is as desired and belongs to  $\mathfrak{V}_S$ .

Now, let  $g \in \mathfrak{V}_S$  be a function from  $[A]^2$  to  $\text{seq}(A)$  and let  $E_g$  be a finite support of  $g$ . We show that  $g$  is not injective. Since  $E_g$  is finite, there is an integer  $n_g \in \omega$  such that  $E_g \subseteq A_{n_g}$ . By extending  $E_g$  if necessary, we may assume that if  $(n + 1, \langle a_0, \dots, a_{l-1} \rangle, \varepsilon) \in E_g$ , then also  $a_0, \dots, a_{l-1}$  belong to  $E_g$  as well as the atom  $(n + 1, \langle a_0, \dots, a_{l-1} \rangle, 1 - \varepsilon)$  (this assumption will be needed later).

Choose two distinct elements  $x, y \in A_0 \setminus E_g$  such that  $g(\{x, y\}) \neq \langle \rangle$ . If there are no such elements, then  $g$  is not injective and we are done. So, we may assume that for some positive integer  $l \in \omega$ :

$$g(\{x, y\}) = \langle a_0, \dots, a_{l-1} \rangle$$

Now, we are in at least one of the following four cases:

- (1)  $\forall i \in l (a_i \in E_g)$
- (2)  $\exists i \in l (a_i \in \{x, y\})$
- (3)  $\exists i \in l (a_i \in A_0 \setminus (E_g \cup \{x, y\}))$
- (4)  $\exists i \in l (a_i \in A \setminus (E_g \cup A_0))$

If we are in Case (1), then let  $\pi \in \text{Fix}(E_g)$  be such that  $\pi x \notin \{x, y\}$ . To see that such a  $\pi \in \text{Fix}(E_g)$  exists, recall that by our assumption,  $E_g$  has the property that whenever  $(n + 1, \langle a_0, \dots, a_{l-1} \rangle, \varepsilon) \in E_g$ , also  $a_0, \dots, a_{l-1} \in E_g$ . Now,  $\pi g(\{x, y\}) = g(\{x, y\})$  (since  $\pi \in \text{Fix}(E_g)$ ), but  $\pi\{x, y\} \neq \{x, y\}$ . Hence,  $g$  is not a injective function.

If we are in Case (2), then let  $\pi \in \text{Fix}(E_g)$  be such that  $\pi x = y$  and  $\pi y = x$ . Notice that since  $\{x, y\} \subseteq A_0$  and  $\{x, y\} \cap E_g = \emptyset$ , by condition  $(\beta)$  in the construction of  $\mathcal{V}_S$ , such a permutation  $\pi$  exists. Now, by the choice of  $\pi$ , on the one hand we have  $\pi\{x, y\} = \{x, y\}$ , i.e.,  $g(\{x, y\}) = g(\pi\{x, y\})$ , but on the other hand, for some  $i \in l$  we have  $a_i \in \{x, y\}$ , which implies  $a_i \neq \pi a_i$ . To see this, notice that for example  $a_i = x$  implies  $\pi a_i = y$ . Therefore,  $E_g$  is not a support of  $g$ , which contradicts the choice of  $E_g$ .

If we are in Case (3), then there is an  $i \in l$  such that

$$a_i \in A_0 \setminus (E_g \cup \{x, y\}).$$

Now, take an arbitrary  $b_i \in A_0 \setminus (E_g \cup \{x, y\})$  which is distinct from  $a_i$  and let  $\pi \in \text{Fix}(E_g \cup \{x, y\})$  be such that  $\pi a_i = b_i$  and  $\pi b_i = a_i$ . Notice that by condition  $(\beta)$  in the construction of  $\mathcal{V}_S$ , such a permutation  $\pi$  exists. By the choice of  $\pi$ , on the one hand we have  $\pi\{x, y\} = \{x, y\}$ , i.e.,  $g(\{x, y\}) = g(\pi\{x, y\})$ , but on the other hand,  $\pi a_i = b_i$  and  $b_i \neq a_i$ , i.e.,  $g(\{x, y\}) \neq \pi g(\{x, y\})$ . Therefore,  $E_g$  is not a support of  $g$ , which contradicts the choice of  $E_g$ .

If we are in Case (4), then there is an  $i \in l$  such that

$$a_i \in A \setminus (E_g \cup A_0).$$

In particular,  $a_i = (n + 1, p, \varepsilon)$  for some  $n \in \omega$ ,  $p \in \text{seq}(A)$ , and  $\varepsilon \in \{0, 1\}$ . Furthermore, let  $\pi \in \text{Fix}(E_g \cup \{x, y\})$  be such that

$$\pi(n + 1, p, \varepsilon) = (n + 1, p, 1 - \varepsilon).$$

To see that such a  $\pi$  exists, recall that by our assumption,  $E_g$  has the property that whenever  $(n + 1, s, \varepsilon) \in E_g$  for some  $s \in \text{seq}(A)$ , also  $(n + 1, s, 1 - \varepsilon) \in E_g$ . Now we have  $\pi\{x, y\} = \{x, y\}$  but  $\pi g(\{x, y\}) \neq g(\{x, y\})$ . Therefore,  $E_g$  is not a support of  $g$ , which contradicts the choice of  $E_g$ .

So, in all four cases, either  $g$  is not injective or  $E_g$  is not a support of  $g$ . In particular, there is no injection in  $\mathcal{V}_S$  from  $[A]^2$  into  $\text{seq}(A)$ . Hence,

$$\mathcal{V}_S \models \overline{\text{seq}(A)} < \overline{[A]^2}.$$

It remains to show that no function from  $[A]^2$  to  $\text{seq}(A)$  is finite-to-one. For this, let  $F : [A]^2 \rightarrow \text{seq}(A)$  be a function in  $\mathcal{V}_S$  with support  $E_F$ . Since  $E_F$  is a support of  $F$ , for any  $\{x, y\} \in [A_0 \setminus E_F]^2$ , either  $F(\{x, y\}) = \langle \rangle$  or  $F(\{x, y\}) = \langle a_0, \dots, a_{l-1} \rangle$  for some positive integer  $l$ . We consider the following two cases:

(I) *There exists an  $\{x, y\} \in [A_0 \setminus E_F]^2$  such that  $F(\{x, y\}) \neq \langle \rangle$ :* First, let

$$F(\{x, y\}) = \langle a_0, \dots, a_{l-1} \rangle$$

for some positive integer  $l$ . Since  $F$  is a function in  $\mathbf{V}_S$  with support  $E_F$ , we must have that for all  $i \in l$ ,  $a_i \in E_F$  (which corresponds to Case (1) above), otherwise,  $E_F$  would not be a support of  $F$ . Furthermore, for each  $\pi \in \text{Fix}(E_F)$  we have

$$\pi \langle a_0, \dots, a_{l-1} \rangle = \langle a_0, \dots, a_{l-1} \rangle,$$

and since  $E_F$  is a support of  $F$ , we have

$$F(\pi\{x, y\}) = F(\{x, y\}) = \langle a_0, \dots, a_{l-1} \rangle.$$

Since  $A_0$  is infinite and  $E_F$  is finite, the set  $A_0 \setminus E_F$  is infinite. So, by condition  $(\beta)$  in the construction of  $\mathbf{V}_S$ , there are infinitely many  $x' \in A_0 \setminus (E_F \cup \{x, y\})$  for which there exists a  $\pi \in \text{Fix}(E_F)$  such that  $\pi y = y$  and  $\pi x \neq x$ . In particular, if  $\pi, \pi' \in \text{Fix}(E_F)$  are such that  $\pi y = y = \pi' y$  and  $\pi x \neq \pi' x$ , then  $\pi\{x, y\} \neq \pi'\{x, y\}$ , but

$$F(\pi\{x, y\}) = F(\pi'\{x, y\}),$$

which shows that  $F$  is not a finite-to-one function.

(II) *For all  $\{x, y\} \in [A_0 \setminus E_F]^2$  we have  $F(\{x, y\}) = \langle \rangle$ :* Since  $A_0$  is infinite and  $E_F$  is finite, there are infinitely many pairs mapped to the empty sequence, therefore,  $F$  is not a finite-to-one function. ⊥

## 4 Odds and Ends

For sets  $A$  and  $B$  we write  $\overline{A} \leq^* \overline{B}$  if  $A = \emptyset$  or if there exists a surjective function  $g : B \rightarrow A$  (i.e.,  $g$  is a function from  $B$  onto  $A$ ).

As we have seen above, in the model  $\mathbf{V}_S$  there is an injective function  $f : \text{seq}(A) \rightarrow [A]^2$ , where  $A$  is the set of atoms. Now, by taking the pre-images of  $f$  we get an injective function from a subset of  $[A]^2$  onto  $\text{seq}(M)$ , which can be extended to a surjective function  $g : [A]^2 \rightarrow \text{seq}(M)$ . Hence, in  $\mathbf{V}_S$  we have  $\overline{\text{seq}(A)} \leq^* \overline{[A]^2}$ . On the other hand, it is easy to see that for any set  $M$  we have  $\overline{[M]^2} \leq^* \overline{\text{seq}(M)}$ . Furthermore, using again the pre-images of the injective function  $f : \text{seq}(A) \rightarrow [A]^2$  in  $\mathbf{V}_S$ , we can construct a surjective function  $g : A \rightarrow \text{seq}(M)$ . To see this, define

$$g(a) = \begin{cases} p & \text{if } a = (n+1, p, \varepsilon) \text{ for some } n \in \omega \text{ and } \varepsilon \in \{0, 1\}, \\ \langle \rangle & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Hence, in  $\mathfrak{V}_S$  we have  $\overline{\text{seq}(A)} \leq^* \overline{A}$ . On the other hand, it is easy to see that for any set  $M$  we have  $\overline{M} \leq \overline{\text{seq}(M)}$  and  $\overline{M} \leq^* \overline{\text{seq}(M)}$ . Finally, in  $\mathfrak{V}_S$  we have  $\overline{A} < \overline{\text{seq}(A)}$ . To see this, assume towards a contradiction that there exists an injection  $h : \text{seq}(A) \rightarrow A$ . Let  $a \in A$  and consider the sequences  $p_0 := \langle \rangle$ ,  $p_1 := \langle a \rangle$ ,  $p_2 := \langle a, a \rangle$ , and so on. Then  $\langle h(p_n) : n \in \omega \rangle$  would be an infinite sequence of pairwise distinct elements of  $A$ , which is obviously not a set in  $\mathfrak{V}_S$ .

So, by the **JECH-SOCHOR EMBEDDING THEOREM**, the existence of an infinite set  $M$  for which the following relations hold is consistent with **ZF**:

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{M} &< \overline{\text{seq}(M)}, & \overline{\text{seq}(M)} &< \overline{[M]^2}, \\ \overline{M} &\leq^* \overline{\text{seq}(M)} \leq^* \overline{M}, & \overline{\text{seq}(M)} &\leq^* \overline{[M]^2} \leq^* \overline{\text{seq}(M)}. \end{aligned}$$

Let us now replace  $\text{seq}(M)$  with  $\mathcal{P}(M)$ . By the **CANTOR THEOREM**, for all sets  $M$  we have  $\overline{M} < \overline{\mathcal{P}(M)}$  and  $\overline{\mathcal{P}(M)} \not\leq^* \overline{M}$ . Furthermore, we have  $\overline{[M]^2} < \overline{\mathcal{P}(M)}$ , which follows from  $\overline{\text{fin}(M)} < \overline{\mathcal{P}(M)}$  for infinite sets  $M$  (see [1] or [3]).

So, for arbitrary sets  $M$ , the following relations are provable in **ZF**:

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{M} &< \overline{\mathcal{P}(M)}, & \overline{[M]^2} &< \overline{\mathcal{P}(M)}, \\ \overline{M} &\leq^* \overline{\mathcal{P}(M)} \not\leq^* \overline{M}, & \overline{[M]^2} &\leq^* \overline{\mathcal{P}(M)}. \end{aligned}$$

However, it is not known whether  $\overline{\mathcal{P}(M)} \not\leq^* \overline{[M]^2}$  is also provable in **ZF**. In other words, it is not known whether there exists a model of **ZF** in which there is a set  $M$  such that  $\overline{\mathcal{P}(M)} \leq^* \overline{[M]^2}$  (see [3, Related Result 21] for a similar open problem).

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