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Partition theorems for subsets of vector spaces. (In English)

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Partition theorems are considered also in vector spaces (cf. the papers of *P.Erdős* and *R.Rado* in Bull. Am. Math. Soc. 62, 427-489 (1956; Zbl 071.05101) and of *P.Erdős*, *A. Hajnal* and *R.Rado* in Acta Math. Acad. Sci. Hung. 16, 93-196 (1965; Zbl 158.26603)).

In particular, for any given quadruple $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta)$ of cardinals let $\langle \alpha \rangle \rightarrow \langle \beta \rangle_\gamma^\delta$ mean the following: Whenever V is an α -dimensional vector space over $GF(2)$ and $V = \bigcup_{\sigma < \gamma} A_\sigma$ there are some $U \in [V]^\beta$ and some $\sigma < \gamma$ such that if $1 \leq t < \delta$ and $W \in [U]$ then $\Sigma W = A_\sigma$. In section 2 the authors prove 19 lemmas; e.g. L.r:3(a): If $\beta, \gamma, \delta < \omega$, then there exists the least integer $N(\beta, \gamma, \delta)$ such that $\langle N(\beta, \gamma, \delta) \rangle \rightarrow \langle \omega \rangle_\gamma^\omega$. L.r: 9: If β is a regular cardinal $\leq \omega$ and $\langle \beta \rangle \rightarrow \langle \beta \rangle_{-\gamma^3}$ then $\beta \rightarrow (\beta)_\gamma^2$; L.2:10: GCH implies that every infinite nonlimit cardinal β satisfies $\langle \beta \rangle \not\rightarrow \langle \beta \rangle_2^3$.

The main result (Th. 3:1): Assume the GCH and that there is no inaccessible cardinal $> \omega$. Exclude the possibility that any of the conditions: (a), (b) or (c) holds:

- (a) $\delta < \omega, \beta < \omega, \gamma = \aleph_\rho$ and $\aleph_{\rho+\delta-1} \leq \alpha < \aleph_{\rho+2}^{\beta-1}$;
- (b) $\delta = 4, \gamma < \omega, \beta = \aleph_\rho > \text{cf}(\beta) = \omega$ and $\alpha < \aleph_{\rho+t(\gamma)}, t(\gamma) := 2 \sum_{i=0}^{\gamma} \frac{r!}{i!} - 1$;
- (c) $\delta = 4, \gamma < \omega, \text{cf}(\beta) > \omega, \beta = \aleph_\rho$ and $\aleph_\rho < \alpha < \aleph_{\rho+t(\gamma)}$.

Then $\langle \alpha \rangle \rightarrow \langle \beta \rangle_\gamma^\delta$ holds if and only if one of the following 10 statements holds:

- (1) $\gamma = 1$; (2) $\delta = 2$ and $\beta = 1$;
- (3) $\delta = 2, \alpha \geq \omega, \gamma < \alpha$, and $\beta < \alpha$;
- (4) $\delta = 2, \alpha \geq \omega, \gamma < \text{cf}(\alpha)$, and $\beta = \alpha$;
- (5) $\delta = 3, \beta < \alpha, \alpha > \omega$, and $\gamma^+ < \alpha$;
- (6) $\delta = 3, \beta = \alpha > \omega, \text{cf}(\alpha) = \omega$, and $\gamma < \omega$;
- (7) $\delta = 4, \gamma < \omega, \beta = \aleph_\rho$, and $\alpha \geq \aleph_{\rho+t(\gamma)}$;
- (8) $\beta < \omega, \gamma < \omega, \alpha \geq N(\beta, \gamma, \delta)$;
- (9) $\beta < \omega, \gamma = \aleph_\rho$, and $\alpha \geq \aleph_{\rho+2^{\beta-1}}$;
- (10) $\beta = \omega$ and $\gamma < \omega$.

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