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**ON CATEGORIES INTO WHICH EACH CONCRETE CATEGORY  
CAN BE EMBEDDED**

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Hedrlin and Kučera proved that under some set-theoretical assumptions (the non-existence of «too many» measurable cardinals) each concrete category is embeddable into the category of graphs. Therefore under these assumptions each concrete category is embeddable into every binding category, i. e. a category into which the category of graphs is embeddable. The aim of the present Note is to characterize the binding categories in a class of concrete categories, the categories  $S(F)$ , defined as follows: let  $F$  be a covariant functor from sets to sets; the objects of  $S(F)$  are pairs  $(X, H)$  where  $X$  is a set,  $H \subset FX$ , and the morphisms from  $(X, H)$  to  $(Y, K)$  are mappings  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  such that  $Ff(H) \subset K$ .

The categories  $S(F)$ , explicitly defined by Hedrlin, Pultr and Trnkova, are categories which play an important role in Topology, Algebra and other fields. They also describe a great number of concrete categories created by Bourbaki construction of structures. They are investigated in a lot of papers [1, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11].

The main result:  $S(F)$  is binding if and only if  $F$  does not preserve unions of a set with a finite set; assuming the finite set-theory,  $S(F)$  is binding for all functors  $F$  with the exception (up to natural equivalence) of  $(C \times I) \vee K$ , where  $C, K$  are constant functors and  $I$  is the identity functor.

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## 1

CONVENTION. *Set* denotes the category of sets and mappings. A covariant functor from *Set* to *Set* is called a set functor.

DEFINITION. Let  $(\mathcal{K}, U)$ ,  $(\mathcal{L}, V)$  be concrete categories. A full embedding  $\phi: (\mathcal{K}, U) \rightarrow (\mathcal{L}, V)$  is said to be *strong* if there exists a set functor  $F$ , such that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{K} & \xrightarrow{\phi} & \mathcal{L} \\ U \downarrow & & \downarrow V \\ \text{Set} & \xrightarrow{F} & \text{Set} \end{array}$$

commutes. The functor  $F$  is said to carry  $\phi$ .

PROPOSITION 1.1. Denote  $\mathcal{R}$  the category of graphs (relations  $(X, R)$ ,  $R \subset X \times X$ ) and compatible mappings

$$(f: (X, R) \rightarrow (Y, S) \quad \text{with} \quad f \times f(R) \subset S)$$

and  $\mathcal{R}_\Delta$  its full subcategory of undirected, antireflexive, connected graphs (symmetric antireflexive relations where each pair of vertices is connected by some path). There exists a strong embedding of  $\mathcal{R}$  into  $\mathcal{R}_\Delta$ .

Proof: see [12].

DEFINITION. An object  $o$  of a category is *rigid* if  $\{1_o\} = \text{Hom}(o, o)$ .

PROPOSITION 1.2. For each infinite cardinal  $\alpha$  (considered to be the set of all ordinals with type smaller than  $\alpha$ ) there exists a full subcategory  $\mathcal{R}_\alpha$  of  $\mathcal{R}_\Delta$  into which  $\mathcal{R}$  is strongly embeddable such that for each  $(X, R)$  in  $\mathcal{R}_\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \subset X$ , and, for each  $f: (X, R) \rightarrow (Y, S)$  in  $\mathcal{R}_\alpha$ ,  $f/\alpha = 1_\alpha$ .

PROOF. In [12] a strong embedding  $\phi$  of the following category  $\mathcal{R}_{222}$  into  $\mathcal{R}_\Delta$  is constructed: objects of  $\mathcal{R}_{222}$  are  $(X, R_1, R_2, R_3)$  with  $R_i \subset X \times X$ , morphisms  $f: (X, R_1, R_2, R_3) \rightarrow (Y, S_1, S_2, S_3)$  are mappings

$$f: X \rightarrow Y \quad \text{with} \quad f \times f(R_i) \subset S_i, \quad i = 1, 2, 3.$$

Furthermore it was proved in [16] that there exists a rigid graph  $(\alpha, T)$ .

Given a graph  $(X, R)$ , put  $(X^*, R_1, R_2, R_3) \in \mathfrak{R}_{222}$ ,

$$X^* = X \vee \alpha, \quad R_1 = R, \quad R_2 = X \times X, \quad R_3 = T.$$

Then for each morphism

$$f: (X^*, R_1, R_2, R_3) \rightarrow (Y^*, S_1, S_2, S_3)$$

there exists a compatible mapping

$$g: (X, R) \rightarrow (Y, S) \quad \text{with} \quad f = g \vee I_\alpha.$$

In other words, a strong embedding  $\psi_\alpha: \mathfrak{R} \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}_{222}$  is formed

$$(\psi_\alpha(X, R) = (X^*, R_1, R_2, R_3), \quad \psi_\alpha g = g \vee I_\alpha)$$

such that the image  $\mathfrak{R}_\alpha$  of  $\mathfrak{R}$  under  $\psi_\alpha$  has the required properties.

**PROPOSITION 1.3.** *If  $F$  is a subfunctor of a factorfunctor of  $G$ , then  $S(F)$  is strongly embeddable into  $S(G)$ .*

**Proof:** see [11].

**CONVENTION.** All set functors  $F$  are supposed to be regular, i.e. each transformation from  $C_{0,1}$  (where

$$C_{0,1} X = 1 \text{ if } X \neq \emptyset, \quad C_{0,1} \emptyset = \emptyset)$$

to  $F$  has a unique extension to a transformation of  $C_1$  to  $F$ . In particular, if  $F$  is constant on the subcategory of all non-void sets and mappings, then  $F = C_X$  for some  $X$  (which is the reason for this convention). For each set functor  $F$  we clearly have a regular functor  $F'$  coinciding with  $F$  on non-void sets and mappings;  $S(F)$  is binding iff  $S(F')$  is.

## 2

**DEFINITION.** Denote by  $\mathfrak{J}$  the concrete category the objects of which, called *spaces*, are pairs  $(X, \mathfrak{U})$  where  $X$  is a set and  $\mathfrak{U} \subset \text{exp } X$ , and morphisms from  $(X, \mathfrak{U})$  to  $(Y, \mathfrak{V})$  are mappings  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  such that

1° for each  $A \in \mathfrak{U}$  there exists  $B \in \mathfrak{V}$  with  $B \subset f(A)$ ;

2° if  $f$  is one-to-one on  $A \in \mathfrak{U}$ , then  $f(A) \in \mathfrak{V}$ .

Furthermore, given a cardinal  $\alpha$ , denote by  $\mathfrak{J}_\alpha$  the full subcategory of  $\mathfrak{J}$

over all  $(X, \mathcal{U})$  such that :

$$\text{if } A \in \mathcal{U} \text{ then } \text{card} A = \alpha .$$

The spaces of  $\mathcal{J}_\alpha$  are called  $\alpha$ -spaces.

CONVENTION. Given  $(X, \mathcal{U}) \in \mathcal{J}$ ,  $x \in X$ , denote

$$\text{st}\mathcal{U}x = \text{card} \{ A \in \mathcal{U} \mid x \in A \}.$$

LEMMA 2.1. Let  $f: (X, \mathcal{U}) \rightarrow (Y, \mathcal{V})$  be a morphism in  $\mathcal{J}$ . If  $f$  is one-to-one then for each  $x \in X$ ,  $\text{st}\mathcal{U}x \leq \text{st}\mathcal{V}f(x)$ . If moreover  $(X, \mathcal{U}) = (Y, \mathcal{V})$  and  $X$  is finite, then  $\text{st}\mathcal{U}x = \text{st}\mathcal{V}f(x)$ .

Proof is easy.

CONSTRUCTION 2.2. For each natural number  $n \geq 3$  we are going to construct a rigid  $n$ -space

$$(X, \mathcal{U}), \text{ where } X = \{ 0, 1, \dots, 2n \},$$

which has the following properties :

- 1° for each  $a, b \in X$  there exist  $T, S \in \mathcal{U}$  with  $a, b \in T$ ,  $a \in S$ ,  $b \in X - S$ ;
- 2° denote by  $m$  (or  $M$ ) the minimum (the maximum, respectively) of all  $\text{st}\mathcal{U}a$ ,  $a \in X$ ; then  $m + M < \text{card}\mathcal{U}$  and there exists just one  $y \in X$  with  $\text{st}\mathcal{U}y = m$ .

The construction is done by induction. The  $n$ -th space is denoted by  $(X_n, \mathcal{U}_n)$ .

I.  $n = 3$ .  $\mathcal{U}_3$  contains the following set (  $\{ \}$  is omitted ) :

$$012, 024, 026, 036, 056, 134, 156, 235, 245, 246, 356.$$

Conditions 1 and 2 are easily verified. To prove that  $(X_3, \mathcal{U}_3)$  is rigid, the above Lemma 2.1 can be used. Any morphism  $f: (X_3, \mathcal{U}_3) \rightarrow (X_3, \mathcal{U}_3)$  must be a bijection and routine reasoning concerning

$$\text{st}\mathcal{U}_3^0, \text{st}\mathcal{U}_3^1, \dots, \text{st}\mathcal{U}_3^6$$

shows that  $f$  must be the identity.

II.  $n > 3$ . Choose  $x, y \in X_{n-1}$  with

$$\text{st}\mathcal{U}_{n-1}y = m_{n-1}, \quad \text{st}\mathcal{U}_{n-1}x = M_{n-1}$$

and choose

$$V \in \mathcal{U}_{n-1} \text{ with } y \in V, x \in X_{n-1} - V.$$

Choose arbitrary  $n$ -point subsets  $Z_1, Z_2$  of  $X_{n-1}$  with  $Z_1 \cap Z_2 = \{y\}$ , and define  $\mathcal{U}_n$  as the following collection:

$$\begin{aligned} &W \cup \{2n-1\} \text{ for all } W \in \mathcal{U}_{n-1} - \{V\}; \\ &W \cup \{2n\} \text{ for all } W \in \mathcal{U}_{n-1} \text{ with } y \in W; \\ &V - \{y\} \cup \{2n-1, 2n\}; Z_1; Z_2. \end{aligned}$$

The condition 1 is easy to verify. Let us check 2:

$$st \mathcal{U}_n 2n = st \mathcal{U}_{n-1} y + 1 < st \mathcal{U}_{n-1} y + st \mathcal{U}_{n-1} x < card \mathcal{U}_{n-1} = st \mathcal{U}_n 2n-1$$

and because

$$\text{for each } a \in X_{n-1}, st \mathcal{U}_n a > st \mathcal{U}_{n-1} y + 1,$$

we have  $st \mathcal{U}_n 2n = m_n$  and  $2n$  is the only element with  $st \mathcal{U}_n = m_n$ ; further if  $a \in X_{n-1} - \{y\}$ , then

$$st \mathcal{U}_n 2n-1 > st \mathcal{U}_{n-1} x + st \mathcal{U}_{n-1} y > st \mathcal{U}_n a$$

and

$$st \mathcal{U}_n y = 2(st \mathcal{U}_{n-1} y) + 1 \leq st \mathcal{U}_{n-1} x + st \mathcal{U}_{n-1} y < st \mathcal{U}_n 2n-1$$

and so  $st \mathcal{U}_n 2n-1 = M_n$ .

$$m_n + M_n = st \mathcal{U}_n 2n + st \mathcal{U}_n 2n-1 = st \mathcal{U}_{n-1} y + 1 + card \mathcal{U}_{n-1} < card \mathcal{U}_n.$$

The last thing to prove is that  $(X_n, \mathcal{U}_n)$  is rigid. Let

$$f: (X_n, \mathcal{U}_n) \rightarrow (X_n, \mathcal{U}_n);$$

then  $f$  is a bijection, due to 1, and

$$f(2n) = 2n, f(2n-1) = 2n-1$$

(as  $2n-1$  is the only element with  $st \mathcal{U}_n = M_n$ ). Therefore  $f(X_{n-1}) = X_{n-1}$

and clearly the restriction of  $f$  is an endomorphism of  $(X_{n-1}, \mathcal{U}_{n-1})$ . So,  $f = I_{X_n}$ .

PROPOSITION 2.3. Given the rigid  $n$ -space  $(X, \mathcal{U})$  as above, let  $P$  be an

arbitrary  $(n-1)$ -point subset of  $X$  and let  $p \in P$ . Then  $(Y, \mathcal{O})$  is a rigid  $n$ -space, where  $Y = X \times \{0, 1\}$  and

$$\mathcal{O} = (\mathcal{U} \times \{0, 1\}) \cup \{S_0\}, \quad \text{with } S_0 = (P \times \{0\}) \cup \{(p, 1)\}.$$

PROOF. Let  $f: (Y, \mathcal{O}) \rightarrow (Y, \mathcal{O})$ . Clearly if  $S \in \mathcal{O}$  then  $f/S$  is one-to-one and so  $f(S) \in \mathcal{O}$ . Let us show that

$$f(X \times \{0\}) = X \times \{i\}, \quad i = 0 \text{ or } 1.$$

If  $f(a, 0) = (a_1, 1)$  for some  $a, a_1$ , then  $f(X \times \{0\}) \subset X \times \{1\}$ ; if not, let  $f(b, 0) = (b_1, 0)$ , let  $T \in \mathcal{U}$  contain  $\{a, b\}$  (see condition 1, above); we have  $f(T \times \{0\}) \in \mathcal{O}$  and so necessarily  $f(T \times \{0\}) = S_0$ , in particular  $a_1 = p$  and  $b_1 \in P$ . Therefore, if  $x \in X$  then

$$f(x, 0) = (x_1, 0) \quad \text{implies} \quad x_1 \in P$$

and

$$f(x, 0) = (x_1, 1) \quad \text{implies} \quad x_1 = p \quad \text{and} \quad x = a$$

(if  $x \neq a$ , then

$$f(x, 0) = f(a, 0) = (p, 1),$$

but it follows from the condition 1 that  $f$  is one-to-one on  $X \times \{0\}$  and on  $X \times \{1\}$ ). Therefore

$$f((X - \{a\}) \times \{0\}) \subset P \times \{0\}$$

- a contradiction, as  $f$  is one-to-one on  $X \times \{0\}$  and  $\text{card} P < \text{card} X - 1$ . So

$$f(X \times \{1\}) = X \times \{i\}, \quad i = 0 \text{ or } 1.$$

Analogously

$$f(X \times \{1\}) = X \times \{j\}, \quad j = 0 \text{ or } 1.$$

It follows that

$$f(x, 0) = (x, i), \quad f(x, 1) = (x, j)$$

(since  $(X, \mathcal{U})$  is rigid). As

$$f(S_0) = P \times \{i\} \cup \{(p, j)\} \in \mathcal{O},$$

we have  $i = 0, j = 1$ .

CONSTRUCTION 2.4. For each infinite cardinal  $\alpha$  we shall construct a ri-

gld  $\alpha$ -space  $(X, \mathcal{U})$ .

Put  $X = \alpha \cup \{a, b\}$  (recall that  $\alpha$  is the set of all ordinals with type less than  $\alpha$ , assume  $a, b \notin \alpha$ ,  $a \neq b$ ).

$\mathcal{U}$  consists of the following subsets of  $X$  :

$$E = \{x + 2n\}, \quad \bar{O} = \{x + 2n + 1\}, \quad D = \{x + 3n\},$$

where  $x$  runs over all limit ordinals in  $\alpha$  and zero while  $n$  runs over all naturals ;

$$P_x = \{y \in E \mid y > x\} \cup \{x\} \quad \text{if } x \in \bar{O};$$

$$P_x = \{y \in \bar{O} \mid y > x + 2\} \cup \{x\} \quad \text{if } x \in E;$$

$$V \cup \{a, x, y\}, \quad x, y \in \bar{O}, \quad x \neq y, \quad V \subset E, \quad \text{card } E \cdot V = \text{card } V = \alpha;$$

$$V \cup \{b, x, y\}, \quad x, y \in E, \quad x \neq y, \quad V \subset \bar{O}, \quad \text{card } \bar{O} \cdot V = \text{card } V = \alpha.$$

PROOF. Let  $f: (X, \mathcal{U}) \rightarrow (X, \mathcal{U})$ ; we shall show that  $f = I_X$ . As  $E \in \mathcal{U}$ ,  $\text{card } f(E) = \alpha$ , therefore there clearly exists  $J_E \subset E$  such that :

a)  $\text{card } J_E = \alpha$  ;

b)  $f$  is one-to-one on  $J_E$  ;

c) either  $f(J_E) \subset E$  or  $f(J_E) \subset \bar{O}$ ,  $\text{card } E \cdot f(J_E) = \text{card } \bar{O} \cdot f(J_E) = \alpha$ .

Analogously  $J_{\bar{O}} \subset \bar{O}$ .

$$I^{\circ} f(E) \subset E \quad \text{or} \quad f(E) \subset \bar{O}.$$

Assume that, on the contrary, either

$$f(\beta_1) \in E, \quad f(\beta_2) \in \bar{O} \quad \text{with } \beta_1, \beta_2 \in E,$$

or

$$f(\beta) \in \{a, b\} \quad \text{with } \beta \in E.$$

In the former case  $J_{\bar{O}} \cup \{\beta_1, \beta_2, b\} \in \mathcal{U}$  and so there exists

$$T \in \mathcal{U}, \quad T \subset f(J_{\bar{O}} \cup \{\beta_1, \beta_2, b\}).$$

There follows

$$\text{card}(\bar{O} \cdot T) = \text{card}(E \cdot T) = \alpha$$

while

$$\text{card}(T \cap (E \cup \{a, b\})) \leq 2 \quad \text{or} \quad \text{card}(T \cap (\bar{O} \cup \{a, b\})) \leq 2;$$

clearly there is no such  $T \in \mathcal{U}$ . In the latter case either there exists

$$\beta' \in E \cdot \{\beta\} \quad \text{with } f(\beta') \in \{a, b\},$$



but then

$$\text{card} f(J_{\bar{0}} \cup \{\beta, \beta', b\}) \cap E \leq 1 \quad \text{or} \quad \text{card} f(J_{\bar{0}} \cup \{\beta, \beta', b\}) \cap \bar{0} \leq 1$$

and you get a contradiction in a similar way - or  $\beta$  is the only one. Choose distinct  $\beta_1, \beta_2 \in E - \{\beta\}$ ; then, as

$$J_{\bar{0}} \cup \{\beta_1, \beta_2, b\} \in \mathcal{U},$$

clearly  $f(b) \in \{a, b\}$ , but while  $J_{\bar{0}} \cup \{\beta_1, \beta, b\} \in \mathcal{U}$ , this leads to a contradiction in the same way as above.

$$2^\circ f(\bar{0}) \subset E \quad \text{or} \quad f(\bar{0}) \subset \bar{0}. \quad \text{Analogous.}$$

3°  $f$  is one-to-one.

a)  $f$  is one-to-one on  $\bar{0}, E$ . In fact, let

$$\beta_1, \beta_2 \in E \quad \text{with} \quad J_{\bar{0}} \cup \{\beta_1, \beta_2, b\} \in \mathcal{U};$$

then  $f(\beta_1) \neq f(\beta_2)$  because else the meet of  $f(J_{\bar{0}} \cup \{\beta_1, \beta_2, b\})$  with either  $E$  or  $\bar{0}$  would have at most one element - a contradiction (analogous as above).

b)  $f$  is one-to-one on  $\bar{0} \cup E$ . Let

$$\beta \in \bar{0}, \quad \gamma \in E \quad \text{with} \quad f(\beta) = f(\gamma).$$

We may choose  $\beta_1 \in \bar{0} - \{\beta\}$  such that  $f$  is one-to-one on  $J_E \cup \{\beta_1, \beta, b\}$  - then  $f(J_E \cup \{\beta_1, \beta, b\}) \in \mathcal{U}$ , again a contradiction.

c)  $f$  is one-to-one - clearly  $f(\bar{0} \cup E) = \bar{0} \cup E$  and c easily follows.

Now we have  $f(D) = D$  because  $D$  is just the element of  $\mathcal{U}$  with

$$\text{card} D \cap E = \text{card} D \cap \bar{0} = \alpha.$$

There follows  $f(0) \neq 1$  and as either

$$\text{card} \bar{0} - f(P_0) \leq 1 \quad \text{or} \quad \text{card} E - f(P_0) \leq 1,$$

clearly  $f(0) = 0$ . Clearly then  $f(P_0) = P_0$ ; furthermore

$$f(E) = E, \quad f(\bar{0}) = \bar{0} \quad \text{and} \quad f(a) = a, \quad f(b) = b.$$

Let us prove that  $f = I_X$ . If not, we can choose the least ordinal  $\gamma$ , with  $f(\gamma) \neq \gamma$ ; we have

$$\gamma > 0 \quad \text{and clearly} \quad f(P_\gamma) = P_{f(\gamma)}.$$

If  $f(\gamma) < \gamma$ , then  $\gamma \notin E$  because  $f$  is one-to-one while  $P_{f(\gamma)}$  meets the set  $\{\delta \mid \delta < \gamma\}$ ; analogously  $\gamma \notin \bar{O}$ . Therefore  $f(\gamma) > \gamma$ ; if  $\gamma \in \bar{O}$  then

$$\text{card } E - (P_{f(\gamma)} \cup \{\delta \mid \delta < \gamma\}) > 1$$

but as  $f(E) = E$  and

$$\text{card } E - (P_\gamma \cup \{\delta \mid \delta < \gamma\}) = 1$$

this is a contradiction - analogously if  $\gamma \in E$ . That concludes the proof.

**THEOREM 2.5.** *For each cardinal  $\alpha > 1$  there exists a strong embedding  $\phi: \mathcal{R}_\alpha \rightarrow \mathcal{J}_\alpha$  carried by the sum of the identity functor and a constant functor.  $\phi$  has the following property:*

*given a morphism  $f: (X, \mathcal{U}) \rightarrow (Y, \mathcal{V})$  in  $\mathcal{J}_\alpha$  which is an image of a morphism in  $\mathcal{R}_\alpha$  under  $\phi$ , then  $f$  is one-to-one on each set  $A \in \mathcal{U}$ .*

**PROOF.**  $1^\circ$   $\alpha$  is finite.

As  $\mathcal{R}_\alpha = \mathcal{J}_2$  we may assume  $\alpha \geq 3$ . Let  $(X, \mathcal{U})$  and  $(Y, \mathcal{V})$  be the rigid  $\alpha$ -spaces from Construction 2.2 and Proposition 2.3. Let  $V$  be an  $(\alpha - 2)$ -point subset of  $X$ , disjoint from  $P$  (see 2.3). Define

$$\phi: \mathcal{R}_\alpha \rightarrow \mathcal{J}_\alpha \text{ by } \phi(Z, R) = (Z \vee Y, \mathcal{V}_R),$$

where

$$\mathcal{V}_R = \mathcal{V} \cup \{ \{x, y\} \cup V \times \{i\} \mid (x, y) \in R, i = 0, 1 \};$$

if  $f: (Z_1, R_1) \rightarrow (Z_2, R_2)$ , then

$$\phi f = f \text{ on } Z_1, \quad \phi f = 1_Y \text{ on } Y.$$

Clearly  $\phi$  is a faithful functor.

Let us prove that  $\phi$  is full. Let  $(M, R), (N, Q)$  be graphs of  $\mathcal{R}_\alpha$ ; let

$$f: (M \vee Y, \mathcal{V}_R) \rightarrow (N \vee Y, \mathcal{V}_Q)$$

be a morphism in  $\mathcal{J}_\alpha$ . We shall show that  $f(M) \subset N$  and  $f/M$  is a compatible mapping.

a)  $f(Y) \subset Y$ . If, on the contrary,  $f(x, i) \in N$  for some  $(x, i) \in Y$ , choose  $T \in \mathcal{U}$  with  $x \in T$ ; as  $f(T \times \{i\}) \in \mathcal{V}_Q$  necessarily

$$f(T \times \{i\}) = V \times \{j\} \cup \{\bar{x}, \bar{y}\}$$

and so for an arbitrary  $v \in V$  there exists

$$y_1 \in T \text{ with } f(y_1, i) = (v, j).$$

Choose

$$T' \in \mathcal{U} \text{ with } x \in T', y_1 \notin T'$$

and apply the same reasoning to  $T'$  - there exists

$$y_2 \in T' \text{ with } f(y_2, i) = (v, j').$$

Choose  $T'' \in \mathcal{U}$  with  $y_1, y_2 \in T''$ ; then  $j = j'$  because else

$$f(T'' \times \{i\}) \cap (V \times \{k\}) \neq \emptyset, \quad k = 0, 1.$$

Therefore  $f(y_1, i) = f(y_2, i)$  - a contradiction with

$$\text{card}(T'' \times \{i\}) = \text{card}(T'' \times \{i\}).$$

b)  $f = I_Y$  on  $Y$  - follows from the fact that  $(Y, \mathcal{O})$  is rigid.

c)  $f(M) \subset N$ . Assume on the contrary  $f(z) \in Y$  with  $z \in M$ . Let

$$z_1 \in M \text{ with } (z, z_1) \in R;$$

then

$$\{z, z_1\} \cup (V \times \{i\}) \in \mathcal{O}_R \text{ and } V \cap P = \emptyset;$$

we have  $f(z) \in X \times \{i\}$  for both  $i = 0, 1$  - a contradiction.

d)  $f$  is compatible. This follows easily from

$$\{z_1, z_2\} \cup V \times \{0\} \in \mathcal{O}_R \text{ for all } (z_1, z_2) \in R.$$

$2^\circ$   $\alpha$  is infinite.

Let  $(X, \mathcal{U})$  be the rigid  $\alpha$ -space from Construction 2.4. Define

$$\phi: \mathcal{R}_\alpha \rightarrow \mathcal{J}_\alpha \text{ by } \phi(Z, R) = (Z \vee X, \mathcal{O}_R),$$

where

$$\mathcal{O}_R = \mathcal{U} \cup \{(D \cap E) \cup \{x, y\} \mid (x, y) \in R\};$$

if  $f: (Z_1, R_1) \rightarrow (Z_2, R_2)$ , then

$$\phi f = f \text{ on } Z_1, \quad \phi f = I_X \text{ on } X.$$

Again  $\phi$  is clearly a faithful functor and we shall prove that it is full. To this end, let

$$f: (M \vee X, \mathcal{O}_R) \rightarrow (N \vee X, \mathcal{O}_Q)$$

be a morphism in  $\mathcal{J}_\alpha$ . Then as  $E \in \mathcal{O}_R$ , clearly  $\text{card} f(E) = \alpha$  and so there

exists  $J_E \subset E$  such that  $\text{card} J_E = \alpha$ ,  $f$  is one-to-one on  $J_E$ ,

$$f(J_E) \subset E \text{ or } f(J_E) \subset \bar{O} \text{ and } \text{card} E \cdot f(J_E) = \text{card} \bar{O} \cdot f(J_E) = \alpha.$$

Analogously  $J_{\bar{O}} \subset \bar{O}$ .

a)  $f(a), f(b) \in \{a, b\}$ . Choose  $\beta_1, \beta_2 \in J_E$ ; as

$$J_{\bar{O}} \cup \{\beta_1, \beta_2, b\} \in \mathcal{U}_Q$$

there is  $A \in \mathcal{U}_Q$  with

$$A \subset f(J_{\bar{O}} \cup \{\beta_1, \beta_2, b\});$$

clearly  $f(J_{\bar{O}} \cup \{\beta_1, \beta_2, b\})$  meets  $\{a, b\}$  - therefore  $f(b) \in \{a, b\}$ .

Analogously  $f(a) \in \{a, b\}$ .

b)  $f(X) \subset X$  (thus  $f = I_X$  on  $X$ ). Let  $\delta \in E$  with  $f(\delta) \in N$ ; then  $f$  is one-to-one on  $J_{\bar{O}} \cup \{\delta, \beta, b\}$  for some  $\beta \in J_E$ , but clearly

$$f(J_{\bar{O}} \cup \{\delta, \beta, b\}) \notin \mathcal{U}_Q$$

- a contradiction. Analogously  $\delta \in \bar{O}$  - therefore

$$f(E \cup \bar{O}) \subset X \text{ and so } f(X) \subset X.$$

c)  $f(M) \subset N$ . Assume that, on the contrary, there exists  $z \in M$  with  $f(z) \in X$ . Let  $z_1 \in M$  with  $(z, z_1) \in R$ ; then as

$$\{z, z_1\} \cup (D \cap E) \in \mathcal{U}_R,$$

there is

$$T \in \mathcal{U}_Q \text{ with } T \subset f(\{z, z_1\} \cup (D \cap E)).$$

As  $f(z) \in X$ , clearly  $T \in \mathcal{U}$  - an evident contradiction.

d)  $f$  is compatible. This follows easily from the construction of  $\mathcal{U}_R, \mathcal{U}_Q$ .

Thus we found a full embedding  $\phi: \mathcal{R}_\alpha \rightarrow \mathcal{J}_\alpha$  for all  $\alpha > 1$ ; a straightforward verification of the required properties of  $\phi$  is left to the reader.

### 3

CONVENTION. Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a filter on a set  $V$ . Put

$$P\mathcal{F} = \bigcap_{A \in \mathcal{F}} A, \quad |\mathcal{F}| = \min_{A \in \mathcal{F}} \text{card}(A \cdot P\mathcal{F}).$$

Given a mapping  $f: V \rightarrow X$ , let  $f(\mathcal{F})$  be the filter on  $X$  with

$$f(\mathcal{F}) = \{ B \subset X \mid f(A) \subset B \text{ for some } A \in \mathcal{F} \}.$$

For each set  $X$  put

$$\mathcal{F}(X) = \{ i(\mathcal{F}/Z) \mid Z \in \mathcal{F}, \quad i: Z \rightarrow X \text{ is a one-to-one mapping} \},$$

where

$$\mathcal{F}/Z = \{ A \cap Z \mid A \in \mathcal{F} \}.$$

DEFINITION. Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be a filter on a set  $V$ . Denote by  $\mathcal{J}^{\mathcal{G}}$  the concrete category whose objects are couples  $(X, \mathcal{U})$  where  $\mathcal{U} \subset \mathcal{G}(X)$ , and whose morphisms  $f$  from  $(X, \mathcal{U})$  to  $(Y, \mathcal{V})$  are mappings  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  such that:

- 1° for each  $\mathcal{K} \in \mathcal{U}$  there exists  $\mathcal{K} \in \mathcal{V}$  with  $f(\mathcal{K}) \subset \mathcal{K}$ ;
- 2° if  $f$  is one-to-one on some  $A \in \mathcal{K} \in \mathcal{U}$ , then  $f(\mathcal{K}) \in \mathcal{V}$ .

NOTE.  $\mathcal{J}^{\mathcal{G}} = \mathcal{J}_\alpha$  if  $\mathcal{G}$  is a filter with

$$P\mathcal{G} \in \mathcal{G} \text{ and } \text{card} P\mathcal{G} = \alpha.$$

Therefore if

$$P\mathcal{G} \in \mathcal{G} \text{ and } \text{card} P\mathcal{G} > 1$$

there is a strong embedding of  $\mathcal{R}_\alpha$  to  $\mathcal{J}^{\mathcal{G}}$  - see Theorem 2.5.

THEOREM 3.1. Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be a filter such that  $\text{card} P\mathcal{G} > 1$ . Then there exists a strong embedding of  $\mathcal{R}$  into  $\mathcal{J}^{\mathcal{G}}$ .

PROOF. To prove the theorem we shall construct a strong embedding  $\psi$  of  $\mathcal{R}_\alpha$  into  $\mathcal{J}^{\mathcal{G}}$  (see Proposition 1.2) where  $\alpha = |\mathcal{G}|$ . Let  $\phi: \mathcal{R}_\alpha \rightarrow \mathcal{J}_\beta$  be the strong embedding constructed in Theorem 2.5,

$$\beta = \text{card} P\mathcal{G}, \quad \phi(Z, R) = (\bar{Z}, \mathcal{U}_R).$$

Put  $\psi(Z, R) = (\bar{Z}, \mathcal{U}_R)$ , where

$$\mathcal{U}_R = \{ \mathcal{F} \in \mathcal{G}(\bar{Z}) \mid P\mathcal{F} \in \mathcal{U}_R \text{ and } (\alpha \cup P\mathcal{F}) \in \mathcal{F} \},$$

and if  $f$  is a morphism put  $\psi f = \phi f$ . Then  $\psi$  is easily seen to be a faithful functor. To prove that  $\psi$  is full, assume that

$$g: (\bar{Z}, \mathcal{U}_R) \rightarrow (\bar{Z}', \mathcal{U}_Q) \text{ in } \mathcal{J}^{\mathcal{G}};$$

we shall show that  $g$  is a morphism from  $(\bar{Z}, \mathbb{U}_R)$  to  $(\bar{Z}', \mathbb{U}_Q)$  in  $\mathcal{G}_\beta$ . Then  $\psi$  is full because  $\phi$  is full and  $\psi = \phi$  on morphisms.

Let  $U \in \mathbb{U}_R$ ; we have to show that  $g(U) \in \mathbb{U}_Q$ . If  $\alpha > \beta$  then there exists  $Y \subset \alpha$  with  $\text{card } Y = \alpha$  such that  $g$  is one-to-one on  $Y$ . Denote by  $T$  the underlying set of the filter  $\mathcal{G}$ . Let  $b: T \rightarrow \bar{Z}$  be a one-to-one mapping with

$$b(T) = U \cup Y \quad \text{and} \quad b(P\mathcal{G}) = U.$$

Let  $\mathcal{H} \in \mathcal{U}_R$  with

$$P\mathcal{H} = U \quad \text{and} \quad U \cup Y \in \mathcal{H}.$$

As there exists  $\mathcal{F} \in \mathcal{U}_Q$  with

$$\mathcal{F} \supset \{V \subset \bar{Z}' \mid g(V_1) \subset V \text{ for some } V_1 \in \mathcal{H}\},$$

clearly  $g(U) \supset P\mathcal{F} \in \mathbb{U}_Q$ . If  $\alpha \leq \beta$  then we prove that again  $g$  is one-to-one on a set  $Y \subset \alpha$  with  $\text{card } Y = \alpha$  and proceed analogously as above. Assume the contrary. Then  $\text{card } g(\alpha) < \alpha$ . Let  $E \subset X_\beta$  as in Construction 2.4. As  $\text{card}(\alpha \cup E) \geq \beta$  (take  $\mathcal{H} \in \mathbb{U}_R$  with

$$P\mathcal{H} = E \quad \text{and} \quad E \cup \alpha \in \mathcal{H}$$

and proceed with  $g(\mathcal{H})$  as above), there exists  $S_1 \subset E$  with

$$\text{card } S_1 = \text{card } E \cdot S_1 = \beta,$$

$g$  is one-to-one on  $S_1$  and either

$$g(S_1) \subset \alpha \quad \text{or} \quad g(S_1) \cap \alpha = \emptyset.$$

Clearly there exist  $k_1, k_2 \in \bar{O}$  such that  $g$  is one-to-one on

$$C = S_1 \cup \{k_1, k_2, a\} \in \mathbb{U}_R.$$

Let  $\mathcal{K} \in \mathcal{U}_R$  with  $P\mathcal{K} = C$ . Then there exists  $\mathcal{L} \in \mathcal{U}_Q$  such that for each  $B \in \mathcal{K}$  we have  $g(B) \in \mathcal{L}$ . That is clearly impossible if  $g(S_1) \cap \alpha = \emptyset$ . As  $\mathcal{L} \in \mathcal{U}_Q$ ,

$$\text{card } U \cap (\bar{Z}' \cdot \alpha) = \beta \geq \alpha \quad \text{for each } U \in \mathcal{L}$$

- a contradiction.

NOTE 3.2. The embedding  $\psi: \mathcal{R}_\alpha \rightarrow \mathcal{G}^{\mathcal{G}}$  defined above has the property that, if  $f: (X, \mathcal{U}) \rightarrow (Y, \mathcal{V})$  is a morphism in  $\mathcal{G}^{\mathcal{G}}$  which lies in the image of  $\psi$ ;

then for each  $\mathcal{H} \in \mathcal{U}$  there exists  $A \in \mathcal{H}$  such that  $f$  is one-to-one on  $A$ . This follows from the above proof.

We shall now investigate  $\mathcal{G}^{\mathcal{G}}$  where  $\mathcal{G}$  is a filter on a set  $V$  such that

$$\text{card } P\mathcal{G} = 1, \quad \text{card } A = \text{card } V \quad \text{for each } A \in \mathcal{G}.$$

Write

$$\mathcal{G}^* = \{A \cdot P\mathcal{G} \mid A \in \mathcal{G}\}$$

and notice that

$$\text{card } \mathcal{G}(X) = \text{card } \mathcal{G}^*(X) = \text{card } \mathcal{G}(Y)$$

for arbitrary sets  $X \subset Y$  with  $\text{card } X = \text{card } Y$ .

DEFINITION. A system  $\mathfrak{A}$  of subsets of a set  $X$  is said to be  $\alpha$ -almost disjoint if

$$\text{card } A = \alpha \quad \text{for each } A \in \mathfrak{A},$$

while

$$\text{card } A \cap B < \alpha \quad \text{for each } A, B \in \mathfrak{A}, A \neq B.$$

THEOREM 3.4. For each cardinal  $\alpha$  there exists an  $\alpha$ -almost disjoint system  $\mathfrak{A}$  on a set  $X$  such that  $\text{card } \mathfrak{A} = \text{card } 2^X$ .

PROOF. Define cardinals  $\beta_i$ , where  $i$  is an ordinal:

$$\beta_0 = \aleph_0, \quad \beta_{i+1} = 2^{\beta_i}, \quad \beta_i = \sup_{j > i} \beta_j \quad \text{if } i \text{ is a limit ordinal.}$$

Put

$$\mathfrak{B} = \{U \subset \beta_\alpha \mid U \subset \delta \quad \text{for some } \delta < \beta_\alpha\}.$$

Clearly  $\text{card } \mathfrak{B} = \beta_\alpha$ . It is easy to see that  $(\beta_\alpha)^\alpha = 2^{\beta_\alpha}$  so that there exist  $2^{\beta_\alpha}$  subsets  $L$  of  $\beta_\alpha$  whose power is  $\alpha$ , i. e.  $2^{\beta_\alpha}$  monotone mappings

$$f: \alpha \rightarrow \beta_\alpha \quad (\text{put } f = f_L \text{ if } f(\alpha) = L).$$

Put for each  $L$  :

$$T(L) = \{f_L(\delta) \mid \delta < \alpha\} \subset \mathfrak{B}.$$

Then

$$\mathfrak{A} = \{ T(L) \mid L \subset \beta_\alpha, \text{card} L = \alpha \}$$

is an  $\alpha$ -almost disjoint system : clearly  $\text{card} T(L) = \alpha$  and if  $L_1 \neq L_2$ , then

$$\text{card} ( T(L_1) \cap T(L_2) ) < \alpha .$$

Clearly  $\text{card} \mathfrak{A} = 2^{\beta_\alpha}$ .

COROLLARY 3.5. For each filter  $(V, \mathfrak{G})$  such that

$$\text{card} V = \text{card} A = \alpha \geq \aleph_0 \quad \text{for each } A \in \mathfrak{G},$$

there exists a set  $X$  with  $\text{card} \mathfrak{G}(X) = \text{card} 2^X$ .

PROOF. Let  $X$  be a set with an  $\alpha$ -almost disjoint system  $\mathfrak{A}$  on  $X$  such that

$$\text{card} \mathfrak{A} = \text{card} 2^X ;$$

for each  $T \in \mathfrak{A}$ , let  $f_T: V \rightarrow X$  be a one-to-one mapping with  $f_T(V) = T$ .

Then clearly  $T_1, T_2 \in \mathfrak{A}$ ,  $T_1 \neq T_2$  implies  $f_{T_1}(\mathfrak{G}) \neq f_{T_2}(\mathfrak{G})$ .

CONSTRUCTION 3.6. We are going to construct for each filter  $(V, \mathfrak{G})$  a rigid object  $(X, \mathfrak{U})$  of  $\mathfrak{G}$ .  $X$  is a set with

$$\text{card} \mathfrak{G}(X) = \text{card} 2^X .$$

Put  $\alpha = \text{card} V$ . First of all we shall introduce the following notation (each cardinal is considered to be the well-ordered set of all ordinals of smaller type):

$$\tilde{\mathfrak{H}} = \{ Z \subset X \mid \text{card} Z = \alpha \}$$

- assume that  $\tilde{\mathfrak{H}}$  is well-ordered,

$$\tilde{\mathfrak{H}} = \{ Z_i \mid i \in \text{card} \tilde{\mathfrak{H}} \} .$$

Given  $f: X \rightarrow X$ , put

$$W(f) = \{ x \in X \mid f(x) \neq x \},$$

$$\mathfrak{F} = \{ f: X \rightarrow X \mid \text{card} W(f) \geq \alpha \}$$

- assume that  $\mathfrak{F}$  is well-ordered,

$$\mathfrak{F} = \{ f_j \mid j \in \text{card} \mathfrak{F} \} .$$

Choose distinct  $a, b \in X$  and put



$$\mathcal{F} = \{ f: X \rightarrow X \mid f \notin \mathcal{F} \text{ and } W(f) - \{a, b\} \neq \emptyset \}$$

- assume that  $\mathcal{F}$  is well-ordered,

$$\mathcal{F} = \{ g_j \mid j \in \text{card } \mathcal{F} \}.$$

We are going to define

$$\mathcal{U}_\beta \subset \mathcal{G}^*(X), \quad \mathcal{V}_\beta \subset \mathcal{G}(X)$$

by transfinite induction:

$$\mathcal{V}_{-1} = \emptyset, \quad \mathcal{U}_{-1} = \{ \mathcal{K}_1^*, \mathcal{K}_2^*, \mathcal{K}_3^* \}$$

where

$$\mathcal{K}_1^*, \mathcal{K}_2^*, \mathcal{K}_3^* \in \mathcal{G}^*(X) \text{ are distinct.}$$

Now assume that  $\mathcal{U}_\gamma, \mathcal{V}_\gamma$  are defined for all  $\gamma < \beta$ .

a) If  $\text{card } \beta \leq \text{card } \tilde{H}$ , then we may choose  $\mathcal{A}_\beta \in \mathcal{G}(Z_\beta \cup \{a\})$  with

$$P\mathcal{A}_\beta = \{a\} \text{ and } \mathcal{A}_\beta^* \notin \mathcal{U}_\gamma \text{ for any } \gamma < \beta.$$

b) Either  $\text{card } f_\beta(W(f_\beta)) < \alpha$  then choose  $\mathcal{B}_\beta \in \mathcal{G}(W(f_\beta) \cup \{b\})$  with

$$P\mathcal{B}_\beta = \{b\} \text{ and } \mathcal{B}_\beta^* \notin \bigcup_{\gamma < \beta} \mathcal{U}_\gamma \cup \{ \mathcal{A}_\beta^* \},$$

or  $\text{card } f_\beta(W(f_\beta)) \geq \alpha$  then use the theorem on mappings [6,7] to obtain a decomposition  $X = X_0 \cup X_1 \cup X_2 \cup X_3$  with

$$X_0 = X - W(f_\beta) \text{ and } f_\beta(X_t) \cap X_t = \emptyset, \quad t = 1, 2, 3.$$

Choose  $t$  with  $\text{card } f_\beta(X_t) \geq \alpha$ . Then there is

$$Y \subset X_t \text{ with } \text{card } Y = \alpha$$

such that  $f$  is one-to-one on  $Y$ . Choose

$$\mathcal{B}_\beta \in \mathcal{G}(Y \cup \{b\}) \text{ with } P\mathcal{B}_\beta = \{b\} \text{ and } \mathcal{B}_\beta^* \notin \bigcup_{\gamma < \beta} \mathcal{U}_\gamma \cup \{ \mathcal{A}_\beta^* \} \text{ and } f_\beta(\mathcal{B}_\beta)^* \notin \bigcup_{\gamma < \beta} \mathcal{U}_\gamma \cup \{ \mathcal{A}_\beta^* \}.$$

c) If  $\text{card } \beta \leq \text{card } \tilde{\mathcal{F}}$ , choose

$$\mathcal{C}_\beta \in \mathcal{G}((X - W(f_\beta)) \cup \{t\}), \quad P\mathcal{C}_\beta = \{t\},$$

where  $t \in W(f_\beta) - \{a, b\}$ , such that

$$\mathcal{C}_\beta^* \notin \bigcup_{\gamma < \beta} \mathcal{U}_\gamma \cup \{ \mathcal{A}_\beta^*, \mathcal{B}_\beta^*, f_\beta(\mathcal{B}_\beta)^* \}.$$

Put

$$\mathcal{U}_\beta = \bigcup_{\gamma < \beta} \mathcal{U}_\gamma \cup \{ \mathcal{A}_\beta^*, \mathcal{B}_\beta^*, \mathcal{C}_\beta^*, f_\beta(\mathcal{B}_\beta)^* \},$$

$$\mathcal{O}_\beta = \bigcup_{\gamma < \beta} \mathcal{O}_\gamma \cup \{ \mathcal{A}_\beta, \mathcal{B}_\beta, \mathcal{C}_\beta \}$$

(if  $\mathcal{A}_\beta$  was not chosen, then the definition of  $\mathcal{U}_\beta, \mathcal{O}_\beta$  is the same, only without  $\mathcal{A}_\beta$ , analogously  $\mathcal{C}_\beta$ ). The object we construct is

$$(X, \mathcal{O}), \text{ with } \mathcal{O} = \bigcup_{\beta \in \text{card } 2^X} \mathcal{O}_\beta.$$

We are going to show that  $(X, \mathcal{O})$  is rigid. Let  $f: (X, \mathcal{O}) \rightarrow (X, \mathcal{O})$ .

- If  $f \in \mathcal{I}$ ,  $f = f_j$ , then, since clearly for each

$$A \in \mathcal{B}_j, \text{ card } f_j(A) \geq \alpha,$$

$f$  is one-to-one on some set which belongs to  $\mathcal{B}_j$ , therefore  $f(\mathcal{B}_j) \in \mathcal{O}$ . It is quite evident from the construction that  $f_j(\mathcal{B}_j) \notin \mathcal{O}$ .

- If  $f \in \mathcal{J}$ ,  $f = g_j$ , then  $f = 1$  on some  $A \cdot P \mathcal{C}_j$ ,  $A \in \mathcal{C}_j$ . Then  $f$  is one-to-one on some  $A' \in \mathcal{C}_j$ , therefore  $f(\mathcal{C}_j) \in \mathcal{O}$ . This is a contradiction with:

$$f(P \mathcal{C}_j) \neq P \mathcal{C}_j \text{ and } f(\mathcal{C}_j^*) = \mathcal{C}_j^*.$$

- Finally if  $f \notin \mathcal{I} \cup \mathcal{J}$ , then  $W(f) \subset \{a, b\}$ . Let  $a \in W(f)$ , let

$$\mathcal{H} \in \mathcal{O} \text{ with } P \mathcal{H} = \{a\}.$$

Then  $f(\mathcal{H}) \in \mathcal{O}$  and we get a contradiction as above. Analogously if  $b \in W(f)$ . Therefore  $W(f) = \emptyset$ , i. e.  $f = 1_X$ .

CONSTRUCTION 3.7. Let  $(X, \mathcal{O})$  be the object of  $\mathcal{G}^{\mathcal{O}}$  defined above. Put:  $T = (X \cup \{c, d\})$ . Define objects of  $\mathcal{G}^{\mathcal{O}}$ ,  $(T, \mathcal{W})$  and  $(T, \mathcal{W}')$ : choose filters  $\mathcal{F}_1, \mathcal{F}_2$  on  $T$  with

$$\mathcal{F}_1^* = \mathcal{H}_1^*, \quad \mathcal{F}_2^* = \mathcal{H}_2^* \quad (\text{see } \mathcal{U}_{.1}), \quad P \mathcal{F}_1 = \{c\}, \quad P \mathcal{F}_2 = \{d\};$$

put  $\mathcal{W} = \mathcal{O} \cup \{ \mathcal{F}_1, \mathcal{F}_2 \}$ ; choose a filter  $\mathcal{F}_3$  on  $T$  with

$$\mathcal{F}_3^* = \mathcal{H}_3^* \quad \text{and} \quad P \mathcal{F}_3 = \{a\};$$

put  $\mathcal{W}' = \mathcal{W} \cup \{ \mathcal{F}_3 \}$ . Analogously as above we can prove that

1°  $(T, \mathcal{W})$  and  $(T, \mathcal{W}')$  are rigid;

2° there is no morphism from  $(T, \mathbb{U}')$  to  $(T, \mathbb{U})$ .

THEOREM 3.8. *There exists a strong embedding from  $\mathfrak{R}$  into  $\mathcal{G}^{\mathcal{G}}$ .*

PROOF. Given a graph  $(H, R)$ , put  $\hat{H} = H \vee (X \times H \times H)$  and let  $(\hat{H}, \hat{R})$  be an object of  $\mathcal{G}^{\mathcal{G}}$  such that

$\hat{R} = \mathbb{U}$  on  $\{k_1, k_2\} \vee (X \times \{(k_1, k_2)\})$  where  $(k_1, k_2) \in H \times H \cdot R$   
and

$$\hat{R} = \mathbb{U}' \text{ on this set if } (k_1, k_2) \in R$$

(more precisely, for  $(k_1, k_2) \in H \times H$  denote  $\phi_{k_1, k_2} : T \rightarrow \hat{H}$ ,

$$\phi_{k_1, k_2}(c) = k_1, \quad \phi_{k_1, k_2}(d) = k_2$$

$$\text{and } \phi_{k_1, k_2}(x) = (x, k_1, k_2) \text{ if } x \in X,$$

then

$$\tilde{R} = \{ \phi_r(\mathcal{K}) \mid r \in H \times H, \mathcal{K} \in \mathbb{U} \} \cup \{ \phi_r(\mathcal{F}_3) \mid r \in R \}.$$

Given a morphism  $f : (H, R) \rightarrow (K, S)$  in  $\mathfrak{R}$ , let

$$\tilde{f} : (\hat{H}, \hat{R}) \rightarrow (\hat{K}, \hat{S}), \quad \tilde{f} = f \vee (1_X \times f \times f).$$

We shall prove that this defines a strong embedding from  $\mathfrak{R}$  to  $\mathcal{G}^{\mathcal{G}}$ . The only fact whose verification is not routine is that this is a full functor. Let  $g : (\hat{H}, \hat{R}) \rightarrow (\hat{K}, \hat{S})$  be a morphism in  $\mathcal{G}^{\mathcal{G}}$ . To prove that  $g = \tilde{f}$  for some  $f$ , it is enough to show that for each  $(b_1, b_2) \in H \times H$  there exists

$$(k_1, k_2) \in K \times K \text{ with}$$

$$g((X \times \{(b_1, b_2)\}) \cup \{b_1, b_2\}) \subset (X \times \{(k_1, k_2)\}) \cup \{k_1, k_2\}$$

- then the existence of  $f$  follows from the properties of  $(T, \mathbb{U})$  and  $(T, \mathbb{U}')$ .

Assume that on the contrary there exists  $(b_1, b_2) \in H \times H$  such that for no  $(k_1, k_2) \in K \times K$ ,

$$g((X \times \{(b_1, b_2)\}) \cup \{b_1, b_2\}) \subset (X \times \{(k_1, k_2)\}) \cup \{k_1, k_2\}.$$

a)  $g(a, b_1, b_2) \in X \times K \times K$ . Denote  $(x, k_1, k_2) = g(a, b_1, b_2)$ . Let us show that  $\text{card } A < \alpha$  where

$$A = X \times \{(b_1, b_2)\} - g^{-1}(X \times \{(k_1, k_2)\});$$

if not,  $\text{card} f(A) \geq \alpha$  as we can choose a filter

$$\mathcal{F} \in \tilde{\mathcal{R}} \quad \text{with} \quad A \cup \{(a, b_1, b_2)\} \in \mathcal{F};$$

therefore there exists a set  $A_1$  with  $\text{card} A_1 = \alpha$  such that  $f$  is one-to-one on  $A_1$ ; choose a filter

$$\mathcal{F}_1 \in \tilde{\mathcal{R}} \quad \text{with} \quad A_1 \cup \{(a, b_1, b_2)\} \in \mathcal{F}_1.$$

As  $f(\mathcal{F}_1) \in \tilde{\mathcal{S}}$  we have a contradiction. Therefore  $\text{card} A < \alpha$ . There exists

$$y \in X \quad \text{with} \quad g(y, b_1, b_2) \notin X \times \{(k_1, k_2)\}.$$

Choose  $\mathcal{G} \in \mathcal{U}$  with  $P\mathcal{G} = \{y\}$ ; then  $\mathcal{G} \times \{(b_1, b_2)\} \in \tilde{\mathcal{R}}$  and so there exists

$$\mathcal{D} \in \tilde{\mathcal{S}} \quad \text{with} \quad \mathcal{D} \subset g(\mathcal{G} \times \{(b_1, b_2)\}).$$

Therefore there exists

$$\mathcal{G}' \in \mathcal{U} \quad \text{with} \quad \mathcal{D} = \mathcal{G}' \times \{(k_1, k_2)\}.$$

Let  $g^*: X \rightarrow X$ ,

$$g^* \neq 1_X \quad \text{and if} \quad g(x, b_1, b_2) = (x', k_1, k_2) \quad \text{then} \quad g^*(x) = x';$$

then  $g^*: (X, \mathcal{U}) \rightarrow (X, \mathcal{U})$ , a contradiction with  $g^* \neq 1_X$ . Analogously

$$g(\{b_1, b_2\}) \subset \{k_1, k_2\}.$$

b)  $g(a, b_1, b_2) \in K$ . Let

$$\mathcal{G} \in \tilde{\mathcal{R}} \quad \text{with} \quad P\mathcal{G} = \{(a, b_1, b_2)\}.$$

There exists  $\mathcal{G}_1 \in \tilde{\mathcal{S}}$  with  $\mathcal{G}_1 \subset g(\mathcal{G})$ , in particular there exists

$$X_1 \subset X \quad \text{with} \quad \text{card} X_1 = \alpha$$

and such that  $g$  is one-to-one on  $X_1 \times \{(b_1, b_2)\}$ . Then  $X_1 \subset \tilde{H}$  (see the beginning of Construction 3.6) and so there exists  $\tilde{\mathcal{G}}' \in \tilde{\mathcal{R}}$  which contains  $X_1 \times \{(b_1, b_2)\}$  and with  $P\tilde{\mathcal{G}}' = \{a, b_1, b_2\}$ . We have  $g(\tilde{\mathcal{G}}') \in \tilde{\mathcal{S}}$ . Let  $X_2 \subset X_1$  with

$$g(X_2 \times \{(b_1, b_2)\}) \subset X \times \{(k_1, k_2)\} \quad \text{for some } k_1, k_2 \in K.$$

Denote  $k = g(a, b_1, b_2)$ ; then  $k \in \{k_1, k_2\}$ ; as at most two filters in  $\tilde{\mathcal{S}}$  contain  $\{k\} \cup g(X_2 \times \{(b_1, b_2)\})$ , there clearly exists a set

$$Z \subset g(X_2 \times \{(b_1, b_2)\}) \quad \text{with } \text{card} Z = \alpha$$

and such that no filter in  $\tilde{\mathcal{S}}$  contains  $Z \cup \{k\}$  and has  $\{k\}$  for its meet. Put  $X_3 = X_2 \cap g^{-1}(Z)$ ; then  $\text{card} X_3 = \alpha$  and  $g$  is one-to-one on  $X_3$ . Then there exists  $\mathcal{F} \in \tilde{\mathcal{R}}$  which contains  $(X_3 \cup \{a\}) \times \{(b_1, b_2)\}$  and with

$$P\mathcal{F} = \{(a, b_1, b_2)\}.$$

But then

$$g(\mathcal{F}) \in \tilde{\mathcal{S}}, \quad P g(\mathcal{F}) = \{k\} \quad \text{and} \quad Z \cup \{k\} \in g(\mathcal{F})$$

- a contradiction.

NOTE 3.9. The embedding  $\psi: \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}^{\mathcal{G}}$  defined above has the property that, if  $f: (X, \mathcal{U}) \rightarrow (Y, \mathcal{V})$  is a morphism in  $\mathcal{G}^{\mathcal{G}}$  which lies in the image of  $\psi$ , then for each  $\mathcal{H} \in \mathcal{U}$  there exists  $A \in \mathcal{H}$  such that  $f$  is one-to-one on  $A$ . This follows from the above proof.

#### 4

Let  $F$  be a set functor. Denote by  $S(F)$  the category whose objects are

$$(X, H) \quad \text{where } X \text{ is a set, } H \subset FX,$$

and whose morphisms  $f: (X, H) \rightarrow (Y, K)$  are mappings

$$f: X \rightarrow Y \quad \text{with } Ff(H) \subset K.$$

DEFINITION. For each set functor  $F$  and each  $x \in FX$ ,  $X \neq \emptyset$ , denote by  $\mathcal{F}_F^X(x)$  the filter on  $X$  of all sets  $A \subset X$  such that  $x \in Fj(FA)$ , where  $j: A \rightarrow X$  is the inclusion. ( $\text{exp } X$  is a trivial filter on  $X$ .) See [14,15].

LEMMA 4.1. For any set functor  $F$  and any  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ ,  $x \in FX$ ,

$$f(\mathcal{F}_F^X(x)) \subset \mathcal{F}_F^Y(Ff(x))$$

and if  $f$  is one-to-one on some  $A \in \mathcal{F}_F^X(x)$ , then

$$f(\mathcal{F}_F^X(x)) = \mathcal{F}_F^Y(Ff(x)).$$

Proof: see [8].

Denote by  $\mathfrak{S}$  a fixed full subcategory of  $\mathfrak{J}^{\mathfrak{G}}$  with the property that, if  $f: (X, \mathfrak{U}) \rightarrow (Y, \mathfrak{V})$  is one of its morphisms, then for each  $\mathfrak{K} \in \mathfrak{U}$ ,  $f$  is one-to-one on some  $Z \in \mathfrak{K}$ .

**THEOREME 4.2.** *For each functor  $F$  such that there exists  $x \in FX$  for which  $\mathfrak{F}_F^X(x)$  is neither a free filter nor an ultrafilter there exists a strong embedding from  $\mathfrak{R}$  into  $S(F)$ .*

**PROOF.** Define for each  $(X, \mathfrak{U}) \in \mathfrak{S}$ :

$$\bar{U} \subset FX, \quad \bar{U} = \{x \in FX \mid \mathfrak{F}_F^X(x) \in \mathfrak{U}\};$$

then the strong embedding from  $\mathfrak{S}$  to  $S(F)$  is

$$(X, \mathfrak{U}) \rightarrow (X, \bar{U}), \quad f \mapsto f;$$

this follows from the property of  $\mathfrak{S}$  and from Lemma 4.1.

**NOTE 4.3.** Let  $F$  be a set functor. If  $\mathfrak{F}_F^X(x_0)$  is a fixed ultrafilter for some  $x_0 \in FX$ , then it is a fixed ultrafilter for each  $Ff(x_0) \in FY$ ,  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ .

**THEOREM 4.4.** *If  $F$  is such a set functor that each  $\mathfrak{F}_F^X(x)$  is either a free filter or an ultrafilter, then  $S(F)$  does not contain a rigid object whose underlying set has power bigger than  $\text{card } 2^{F1}$ . In particular,  $S(F)$  does not contain more than  $\text{card } 2^F(2^{F1})$  rigid objects and so it is not binding.*

**PROOF.** In fact, no object  $(X, R)$  with  $\text{card } X > \text{card}(\text{exp } F1)$  is rigid. Really, put, for each  $x \in X$ ,

$$p_x: 1 \rightarrow X \quad \text{with} \quad p_x(0) = x;$$

then as  $\text{card } X > \text{card}(\text{exp } F1)$ , there exist distinct

$$x_1, x_2 \in X \quad \text{with} \quad (Fp_{x_1})^{-1}(R) = (Fp_{x_2})^{-1}(R);$$

we shall prove that the transposition of  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  is a morphism

$$f: (X, R) \rightarrow (X, R).$$

Let  $v \in R$ . If  $P\mathfrak{F}_F^X(v)$  contains neither  $x_1$  nor  $x_2$ , then

$$X \cdot \{x_1, x_2\} \in \mathfrak{F}_F^X(v) \quad \text{and so} \quad Ff(v) = v.$$

If  $P\mathfrak{F}_F^X(v) = \{x_1\}$ , then there exists

$$u \in (Fp_{x_1})^{-1}(R) \quad \text{with} \quad Fp_{x_1}(u) = v.$$

Then  $Fp_{x_2}(u) \in R$  and so  $f \circ p_{x_1} = p_{x_2}$ ; we have  $Ff(v) \in R$ . Analogously for  $P\mathcal{F}_F^X(v) = \{x_2\}$ . That proves the theorem.

A set functor  $F$  is said to preserve unions of pairs if

$$F(X \cup Y) = Fj_X(X) \cup Fj_Y(Y)$$

for arbitrary sets  $X, Y$  where

$$j_X: X \rightarrow X \cup Y, \quad j_Y: Y \rightarrow X \cup Y$$

are the inclusions.  $F$  is said to preserve unions of a set with a finite set if

$$F(X \cup Y) = Fj_X(X) \cup Fj_Y(Y)$$

for arbitrary sets  $X, Y$  one of which is finite. Denote by  $K_M$  the functor

$$K_M X = X \times M, \quad K_M f = f \times I_M.$$

A transposition pair  $(r, f)$  on a set  $X$  is a transposition  $r: X \rightarrow X$  (i. e.

$$r(a) = b, \quad r(b) = a \quad \text{and} \quad r(x) = x \quad \text{if} \quad x \neq a, b)$$

and a mapping  $f: X \rightarrow X$  with

$$f(x) = x \quad \text{iff} \quad x = a \quad \text{or} \quad x = b.$$

**MAIN THEOREM 4.5.** *Given a set functor  $F$ ,  $S(F)$  is binding if and only if  $F$  does not preserve unions of a set with a finite set.*

**PROOF.** We proved above that  $S(F)$  is binding iff some  $\mathcal{F}_F^X(x)$  is neither a free filter nor an ultrafilter. Now if

$$x \in F(A \cup B) \cdot (Fj_A(FA) \cup Fj_B(FB))$$

where  $A$  is finite and

$$j_A: A \rightarrow A \cup B, \quad j_B: B \rightarrow A \cup B$$

are inclusions, then  $\mathcal{F}_F^X(x)$  ( $X = A \cup B$ ) is not an ultrafilter since

$$A \not\in \mathcal{F}_F^X(x), \quad B \not\in \mathcal{F}_F^X(x),$$

and  $\mathcal{F}_F^X(x)$  is not free since  $A \cup B \in \mathcal{F}_F^X(x)$ ,  $A$  finite, would else imply  $B \in \mathcal{F}_F^X(x)$ . If, conversely,  $\mathcal{F}_F^X(x)$  is not free (i. e.  $P\mathcal{F}_F^X(x) \neq \emptyset$ ) and it

is not an ultrafilter, then we choose  $a \in P \mathfrak{F}_F^X(x)$  and put

$$A = \{ a \} \text{ and } B = X \cdot \{ a \} :$$

$x \in F(A \cup B)$  while  $x \notin Fj_A(FA) \cup Fj_B(FB)$ .

**COROLLARY 4.6.** *The following conditions on a set functor  $F$  are equivalent:*

- 1° a)  $\mathfrak{R}$  is strongly embeddable into  $S(F)$ ;
- b)  $S(F)$  is binding;
- c)  $S(F)$  contains more than  $\text{card } 2^{F(2^{F1})}$  rigid objects;
- d)  $S(F)$  contains a rigid object on a set with power  $> \text{card } 2^{F1}$ .
- 2° a)  $F$  does not preserve unions of a set with a finite set;
- b)  $F$  does not preserve unions of a set with a one-point set;
- c)  $\mathfrak{F}_F^X(x)$  is neither an ultrafilter nor a free filter for some  $x \in FX$ ;
- d) There exists a transposition pair  $(r, f)$  on a set  $X$  such that for some  $z \in FX$  both  $Ff(z) \neq z$  and  $Fr(z) \neq z$ ;
- e) There exists a cardinal  $\alpha$  such that, for each transposition pair  $(r, f)$  on a set  $X$  with power at least  $\alpha$ , there exists  $z \in FX$  with both

$$Fr(z) \neq z \text{ and } Ff(z) \neq z.$$

**PROOF.** The equivalence of conditions 1a, 1b, 1c, 1d, 2a, 2c follows from above.

2a  $\iff$  2b is easy.

2c  $\implies$  2e. Let  $x \in FX$  such that  $\mathfrak{F}_F^X(x)$  is neither free nor an ultrafilter.

Let  $\text{card } Y \geq \text{card } X$ , let  $r: Y \rightarrow Y$  be a transposition of  $a, b \in Y$  and

$$f: Y \rightarrow Y \text{ with } f(t) \neq t \text{ iff } t \neq a, b.$$

There exists  $Y' \subset Y$  with

$$\text{card } Y' = \text{card } Y \text{ and } f(Y') \cap Y' = \emptyset$$

(see [6,7]). Let  $\pi: X \rightarrow Y$  be a one-to-one mapping,

$$\pi(X) = Y' \cup \{ a \} \text{ such that } a \in \pi(P \mathfrak{F}_F^X(x)).$$

Then

$$Ff(F\pi(x)) \neq F\pi(x) \text{ and } Fr(F\pi(x)) \neq F\pi(x),$$



which follows easily from the properties of  $\mathcal{F}_F^X(\cdot)$ .

$2e \Rightarrow 2d$  is easy.

$2d \Rightarrow 2a$ . Let  $(r, f)$  be a transposition pair on a set  $X$ ,

$$Fr(z) \neq z \neq Ff(z),$$

where  $r$  is a transposition of  $a, b \in X$ . Put  $Y = \{a, b\}$ . Then

$$Fj_Y(FY) \cup Fj_{X-Y}(F(X-Y))$$

does not contain  $z \in FX = F(Y \cup (X-Y))$ : if on the contrary  $z \in Fj_Y(FY)$ , we have

$$f \circ j_Y = j_Y \quad \text{and so} \quad Ff(z) = z,$$

which is not true, and if  $z \in Fj_{X-Y}(F(X-Y))$  we have

$$r \circ j_{X-Y} = j_{X-Y} \quad \text{and so} \quad Fr(z) = z.$$

**COROLLARY 4.7.** *In the finite set-theory the following conditions on a set functor  $F$  are equivalent:*

1°  $S(F)$  is binding;

2° a)  $F$  does not preserve unions;

b)  $F$  is not naturally equivalent to  $K_M \vee C$  for any set  $M$  and any constant functor  $C$ .

**PROOF.** The equivalence of 2a and 2b is proved in [13,15].

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