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## m-IDEAL TOPOLOGIES IN ORDERED SETS

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

J. MAYER and M. NOVOTNÝ have defined in [5], for every infinite cardinal number  $m$  in an ordered set  $P$ , certain subsets called  $m$ -ideals and a topology  $\tau_m(P)$  called an  $m$ -ideal topology, as sets of all completely (meet-) irreducible ideals and dual ideals by means of a subbasis for open sets. These notions ( $m$ -ideals and  $m$ -ideal topology) coincide, for  $m = \aleph_0$ , with the notions defined by O. FRINK in [3].

In paper [5] the following problems were set:

**1.1.** Is it possible to construct for every pair of infinite cardinal numbers  $m < n$  an ordered set  $P$  such that  $\tau_m(P) \neq \tau_n(P)$ ?

**1.2.** Is it possible to construct for every cardinal number  $m > \aleph_1$  such an  $m$ -directed set  $P$  that for every pair of infinite cardinal number  $p < n < m$  the inequality  $\tau_p(P) \neq \tau_n(P)$  holds?

At the same time an  $m$ -directed set  $P$  stands for an ordered set  $P$  in which every non-empty subset  $M \subset P$  with the property  $|M| < m$  has an upper a lower bound in  $P$ .

L. FUCHSOVÁ has constructed, in [4], for every cardinal number  $m > \aleph_1$  an ordered continuum  $E$  such that  $\tau_p(E) \neq \tau_n(E)$  for every pair of infinite cardinal numbers  $p < n < m$  with the following property:  $p = \aleph_\mu$ ,  $n = \aleph_{\mu+1}$  does not hold,  $\aleph_\mu$  being an infinite irregular cardinal number.

In this paper I present a complete solution of problems 1.1 and 1.2.

### 2. BASIC NOTIONS AND NOTATION

By an ordered set  $I$  understand a partially ordered set;  $I$  denote incomparable elements  $a, b$  by  $a \parallel b$ ; a chain will stand for an ordered set which does not possess

incomparable elements. For a subset  $M$  of some ordered set  $P$ ,  $M^*$ ,  $M^+$  respectively will denote a set of all upper (lower) bounds in  $P$  ([1]);  $M$  is called a semi-ideal of  $P$  if  $\{x\}^+ \subset M$  ([6]) holds for every  $x \in M$ . An ordinal sum of ordered, mutually disjoint sets  $P_\iota$ ,  $\iota \in I$ , where  $\emptyset \neq I$  is a chain, will be denoted by  $\sum P_\iota$  ( $\iota \in I$ ). For a finite number of ordered, mutually disjoint sets  $P_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n$ )  $I$  denote their ordinal sum by  $P_1 \oplus P_2 \oplus \dots \oplus P_n$  ([1]).  $m, n$  will, in the whole paper, stand for infinite cardinal numbers. The cardinal number of a set  $M$  is denoted by  $|M|$ . I will write "iff" instead of "if and only if". If  $(P, u)$  is a topological space and  $Q \subset P$ , then I denote the relative topology on  $Q$  by  $u/Q$ .

**2.1. Definition.** ([5], 3.1). Let  $P$  be an ordered set. A subset  $I \subset P$  is called an  $m$ -ideal of  $P$  iff for every subset  $M$ ,  $\emptyset \neq M \subset I$  with  $|M| < m$  the inclusion  $M^{*+} \subset I$  holds.

The following Lemma is evident:

**2.2. Lemma.** Every  $m$ -ideal of an ordered set  $P$  is a semi-ideal of  $P$ .  $\{x\}^+$  is an  $m$ -ideal of  $P$  for  $x \in P$ .

**2.3. Definition.** ([5], 4.1). Let  $P$  be an ordered set,  $I \subset P$  an  $m$ -ideal of  $P$ . This ideal is called completely irreducible iff for every family  $I_\mu$  ( $\mu \in M \neq \emptyset$ ) of  $m$ -ideals with  $I = \bigcap_{\mu \in M} I_\mu$  there exists an index  $\mu_0 \in M$  such that  $I_{\mu_0} = I$ .

**2.4. Definition.** ([5], 5.1). Let  $P$  be an ordered set. Let  $(P, \tau_m(P))$  be the topological space in which the topology is defined by taking the family consisting of all completely irreducible  $m$ -ideals and of all completely irreducible dual  $m$ -ideals of  $P$  as a subbasis for the open sets. Then  $\tau_m(P)$  is called the  $m$ -ideal topology on  $P$ .

**2.5. Definition** ([2], 6.1.7). Let  $R$  be a chain,  $x \in R$ . If  $x$  is the smallest element in  $R$ , then  $\chi^l(x) = 1$ . In case  $x$  fails to be the smallest element, then  $\chi^l(x) = \min |M|$  ( $M \subset R$ ,  $M$  is cofinal with  $\{x\}^+ - \{x\}$ ). Dually it can be defined  $\chi^p(x)$ .

**2.6. Lemma.** Let  $R$  be a chain,  $x \in R$ . Then  $\chi^l(x)$  and  $\chi^p(x)$  are regular cardinal numbers.

Proof can be easily deduced e.g. from [2], 3.8.3.

### 3. $m$ -IDEAL TOPOLOGIES IN CHAINS

In this section  $R$  will denote a chain and for  $x \in R$  we put  $\{x\}^+ = (-\infty, x]$ ,  $\{x\}^+ - \{x\} = (-\infty, x)$ ,  $\{x\}^* = [x, \infty)$ ,  $\{x\}^* - \{x\} = (x, \infty)$ .

**3.1. Lemma.** Let  $\emptyset \neq I \subsetneq R$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (A)  $I$  is a completely irreducible  $m$ -ideal of  $R$ ,
- (B)  $I = (-\infty, x)$ , where  $x \in R$ ,  $\chi^l(x) = 1$  or  $\chi^l(x) \geq m$ .

Proof. I. Let (A) hold. For  $y \in R - I$  there is  $I \subset (-\infty, y]$ , because  $I$  is a semi-ideal of  $R$  according to 2.2. If  $I = \bigcap (-\infty, y] (y \in R - I)$ , then  $y_0 \in R - I$  exists such that  $I = (-\infty, y_0]$  (because sets  $(-\infty, y]$  are  $m$ -ideals by 2.2). But this is a contradiction. As we see there exists  $x \in \bigcap (-\infty, y] (y \in R - I) - I$ . Then, for any  $z < x$  there is  $z \in I$ ; thus  $I = (-\infty, x)$ .

If  $\aleph_0 \leq \chi^l(x) < m$ , then we have  $\emptyset \neq M \subset I$ ,  $|M| < m$ ,  $M$  being cofinal with  $(-\infty, x)$ . From this  $M^* = [x, \infty)$  follows, so that  $M^{*+} = (-\infty, x] \text{ non } \subset I$  which is a contradiction.

Consequently (B) holds.

II. Let (B) hold. If  $\chi^l(x) = 1$ , then because of 2.2,  $I$  is an  $m$ -ideal of  $R$ . Let  $\chi^l(x) \geq m$ ,  $\emptyset \neq M \subset I$ ,  $|M| < m$ . Then  $M$  is not cofinal with  $I$ , consequently  $y \in I$  exists such that  $y \in M^*$ , therefore  $M^{*+} \subset (-\infty, y] \subset I$ . As we see,  $I$  is an  $m$ -ideal.

Let  $I = \bigcap I_\alpha (\alpha \in A \neq \emptyset)$ , where  $I_\alpha$  are  $m$ -ideals of  $R$  for any  $\alpha \in A$ . Since  $x \notin I$ , then  $\alpha_0 \in A$  exists such that  $x \notin I_{\alpha_0}$ . From 2.2 there follows that  $I_{\alpha_0} \subset I$ . Thus  $I_{\alpha_0} = I$  and consequently  $I$  is a completely irreducible  $m$ -ideal of  $R$ .

**3.2. Theorem.** The system of all sets of the type  $(-\infty, x)$  and  $(y, \infty)$ , where  $x \in R$ ,  $y \in R$ ,  $\chi^l(x) = 1$  or  $\chi^l(x) \geq m$ ,  $\chi^p(y) = 1$  or  $\chi^p(y) \geq m$ , together with  $R$  form a subbasis for open sets of the topology  $\tau_m(R)$ .

Proof follows from 3.1 and from the dual statement to 3.1.

**3.3. Theorem.** Let  $\aleph_\nu$  be an irregular infinite cardinal number. Then  $\tau_{\aleph_\nu}(R) = \tau_{\aleph_{\nu+1}}(R)$  holds.

Proof follows from 2.6 and 3.2.

**3.4. Remark.** From Theorem 3.3 there follows that when solving problems 1.1 and 1.2 one must consider partially ordered sets and not only chains.

#### 4. $m$ -IDEAL TOPOLOGIES IN ORDINAL SUM

In this section  $P, Q$  will denote disjoint ordered sets,  $P'$  will stand for a set  $Q \oplus P$ .  $\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{I}'$  will denote the family of all  $m$ -ideals of  $P, P'$  respectively,  $\mathcal{J}, \mathcal{J}'$  will denote the family of all dual  $m$ -ideals of  $P, P'$  respectively different from  $P$  (not containing  $P$ , respectively);  $\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{U}'$  will denote the family of all completely irreducible  $m$ -ideals of  $P, P'$  respectively,  $\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{B}'$  will denote the family of all completely irreducible dual  $m$ -ideals of  $P, P'$  respectively different from  $P$  (not containing  $P$ , respectively).

Operators  $*$  and  $+$  taken into consideration with respect to the ordered set  $P'$  will be denoted by  $*$  and  $+$  (e.g.  $M_*, M_+, M_{**}$  etc.), whereas, when taken with respect to the ordered set  $P$ , the original notation of these operators will be preserved.

The following Lemmas are evident:

**4.1. Lemma.** For  $M \subset P'$ ,  $M \cap P \neq \emptyset$  we have  $(M \cap P)^* = M_*$ . For  $M \subset P$ ,  $M^+ \cup Q = M_+$  holds.

**4.2. Lemma.** Let  $M \subset P$ . If  $M^+ = \emptyset$ , then  $M^{**} = P$  and  $M_{**} \supset P$ . If  $M^+ \neq \emptyset$ , then  $M^{**} = M_{**}$ .

**4.3. Lemma.**  $\emptyset \neq I \in \mathcal{I} \Rightarrow I \cup Q \in \mathcal{I}'$ ,  $I' \in \mathcal{I}' \Rightarrow I' \cap P \in \mathcal{I}$ ,  $\mathcal{I} = \mathcal{I}'$ .

Proof. I. Let  $\emptyset \neq I \in \mathcal{I}$ ,  $M \subset I \cup Q$ ,  $|M| < m$ . If  $M \cap P \neq \emptyset$ , then according to 4.1  $M_* = (M \cap P)^*$ ,  $M_{**} = (M \cap P)^{**} \cup Q$ . Since  $(M \cap P)^{**} \subset I$ , then  $M_{**} \subset I \cup Q$ . If  $M \cap P = \emptyset$ , then  $M_* \supset P$ . If  $P$  fails to have the smallest element, then  $M_{**} \subset Q \subset I \cup Q$ . If  $P$  has the smallest element  $o$ , then  $o \in I$  according to 2.2; consequently  $M_{**} \subset Q \cup \{o\} \subset Q \cup I$ . Thus  $I \cup Q \in \mathcal{I}'$ .

II. Let  $I' \in \mathcal{I}'$ ,  $\emptyset \neq M \subset I' \cap P$ ,  $|M| < m$ . According to 4.1 we have  $M^* = M_*$ ,  $M^{**} \cup Q = M_{**} \subset I'$ , thus  $M^{**} \subset I' \cap P$ . Consequently  $I' \cap P \in \mathcal{I}$ .

III. From 4.2 there easily follows that  $\mathcal{I} \subset \mathcal{I}'$ . Let  $J' \in \mathcal{I}'$ . Since  $J'$  non  $\supset P$ , then from the dual statement to 2.2 there follows that  $J' \subsetneq P$ . From 4.2  $J' \in \mathcal{I}$  is consequent. Thus  $\mathcal{I} = \mathcal{I}'$ .

**4.4. Lemma.**  $\emptyset \neq A \in \mathfrak{A} \Rightarrow$  exists  $A' \in \mathfrak{A}'$  such that  $A' \cap P = A$ ,  $\emptyset \neq A' \in \mathfrak{A}'$ ,  $A' \cap P \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow A' \cap P \in \mathfrak{A}$ ,  $\mathfrak{B} = \mathfrak{B}'$ .

Proof. I. Let  $\emptyset \neq A \in \mathfrak{A}$ . Let us put  $A' = A \cup Q$ . According to 4.3 we have  $A' \in \mathcal{I}'$ . Let  $A' = \bigcap I'_\mu (\mu \in M \neq \emptyset)$ ,  $I'_\mu \in \mathcal{I}'$ . By 4.3 we have  $I_\mu = I'_\mu \cap P \in \mathcal{I}$  for any  $\mu \in M$  and evidently  $\bigcap I_\mu (\mu \in M) = A$ ; consequently  $\mu_0 \in M$  exists such that  $I_{\mu_0} = A$ . Then  $I_{\mu_0} = A'$  and thus  $A' \in \mathfrak{A}'$ .

II. Let  $\emptyset \neq A' \in \mathfrak{A}'$ ,  $A' \cap P \neq \emptyset$ . According to 4.3 we have  $A = A' \cap P \in \mathcal{I}$ . Let  $A = \bigcap I_\mu (\mu \in M \neq \emptyset)$  where  $I_\mu \in \mathcal{I}$ . By 4.3 it is  $I'_\mu = I_\mu \cup Q \in \mathcal{I}'$  for  $\mu \in M$  and we have  $\bigcap I'_\mu (\mu \in M) = A' (Q \subset A'$  according to 2.2). Thus  $\mu_0 \in M$  exists such that  $I'_{\mu_0} = A'$ , consequently  $I_{\mu_0} = A$ . Therefore  $A \in \mathfrak{A}$ .

III. If  $B' \in \mathfrak{B}'$ , then from the dual statement to 2.2  $B' \subsetneq P$  follows and from the equation  $\mathcal{I} = \mathcal{I}'$  in 4.3 we get  $B' \in \mathfrak{B}$ . Let  $B \in \mathfrak{B}$ . According to 4.3 we have  $B \in \mathcal{I}'$  and let us assume that  $B = \bigcap J'_\mu (\mu \in M \neq \emptyset)$ , where  $J'_\mu$  is a dual  $m$ -ideal of  $P'$  for every  $\mu \in M$ . We have  $B \subsetneq P$ . For  $p \in P - B$  there exists  $\mu(p) \in M$  such that  $p \notin J'_{\mu(p)}$ . From the dual statement to 2.2,  $J'_{\mu(p)} \in \mathcal{I}'$  is consequent. Evidently  $B = \bigcap J'_{\mu(p)} (p \in P - B)$ . Since  $\mathcal{I}' = \mathcal{I}$  according to 4.3 then there exists  $p_0 \in P - B$  such that  $J'_{\mu(p_0)} = B$ . Consequently  $B \in \mathfrak{B}'$ .

**4.5. Lemma.**  $\tau_m(P')/P = \tau_m(P)$ .

*Proof.* Denote  $\mathfrak{C} = \mathfrak{A} \cup \mathfrak{B}$ ,  $\mathfrak{C}' = \mathfrak{A}' \cup \mathfrak{B}' \cup \mathfrak{C}''$  where  $\mathfrak{C}''$  is the family of all completely irreducible dual  $m$ -ideals of  $P'$  which contain  $P$ . Evidently  $\mathfrak{C}, \mathfrak{C}'$  form a subbasis for the open sets in spaces  $(P, \tau_m(P))$  and  $(P', \tau_m(P'))$ . From 4.4 there follows that for  $\emptyset \neq Y \in \mathfrak{C}'$ ,  $Y \cap P \neq \emptyset$  we have  $Y \cap P \in \mathfrak{C}$  and for every  $\emptyset \neq X \in \mathfrak{C}$   $Y \in \mathfrak{C}'$  exists such that  $Y \cap Q = X$ . Hence the statement follows.

**4.6. Theorem.** *Let  $P_i$  be an ordered set for every  $i \in I$ , where  $\emptyset \neq I$  is a chain and  $P_i$  are mutually disjoint sets. Then for every  $i_0 \in I$*

$$\tau_m(\sum P_i(i \in I))/P_{i_0} = \tau_m(P_{i_0})$$

*holds.*

*Proof.* If  $i_0$  fails to be the smallest (the greatest) in  $I$ , then put  $Q = \sum P_i(i \in I, i < i_0)$  ( $R = \sum P_i(i \in I, i > i_0)$ , respectively). If  $i_0$  is the smallest (the greatest) in  $I$ , then put  $Q = \emptyset$  ( $R = \emptyset$ , respectively). Then  $\sum P_i(i \in I) = Q \oplus P_{i_0} \oplus R$ . From 4.5 and from the dual statement to 4.5 we get  $\tau_m(\sum P_i(i \in I))/P_{i_0} = \tau_m(Q \oplus P_{i_0} \oplus R)/P_{i_0} = (\tau_m(Q \oplus (P_{i_0} \oplus R)))/P_{i_0} \oplus R/P_{i_0} = \tau_m(P_{i_0} \oplus R)/P_{i_0} = \tau_m(P_{i_0})$ .

## 5. ORDERED SET $P(m)$

**5.1. Definition.** Denote by  $K$  the set of all finite sequences composed from 0 and 1. Let an empty sequence be denoted by  $k_0$  and let us take it as an element of the set  $K$ . Let us order the set  $K$  in the following way: the element  $k_0$  is the smallest element of the set  $K$  and for  $k_1, k_2 \in K$ ,  $k_1 \neq k_0 \neq k_2$ ,  $k_1 = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$ ,  $k_2 = (b_1, \dots, b_m)$  let us put  $k_1 \leq k_2$  iff  $n \leq m$  and  $a_i = b_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .

**5.2. Lemma.** *Let  $k \in K$ . Then  $k_1, k_2 \in K$ ,  $k_1 \neq k \neq k_2$  exist such that  $\{k_1\}^+ \cap \{k_2\}^+ = \{k\}^+$ .*

*Proof.* If  $k = k_0$ , then put  $k_1 = (0)$ ,  $k_2 = (1)$ . Evidently  $\{k_1\}^+ = \{k_0, k_1\}$  and  $\{k_2\}^+ = \{k_0, k_2\}$ .

If  $k \neq k_0$ , then  $k = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$ , where  $a_i = 0$  or  $1$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Let us put  $k_1 = (a_1, \dots, a_n, 0)$ ,  $k_2 = (a_1, \dots, a_n, 1)$ . Then  $\{k_1\}^+ = \{k\}^+ \cup \{k_1\}$ ,  $\{k_2\}^+ = \{k\}^+ \cup \{k_2\}$ .

Since in both cases  $k_1 \neq k_2$ , there is  $\{k_1\}^+ \cap \{k_2\}^+ = \{k\}^+$ .

**5.3. Lemma.** *Let  $k_1, k_2 \in K$ ,  $k_1 \parallel k_2$ . Then  $\{k_1\}^* \cap \{k_2\}^* = \emptyset$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $k_1, k_2, k \in K$ ,  $k_1 \leq k$ ,  $k_2 \leq k$ ,  $k_1 \neq k_0 \neq k_2$ . Then  $k_1 = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$ ,  $k_2 = (b_1, \dots, b_m)$ ,  $k = (c_1, \dots, c_r)$  while  $r \geq n$ ,  $r \geq m$ ,  $a_i = c_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ,

$b_j = c_j$  for  $1 \leq j \leq m$ . Hence there follows easily that  $k_1, k_2$  are comparable elements.

**5.4. Lemma.** *Let  $R$  be an infinite chain in  $K$ . Then  $R^* = \emptyset$ .*

Proof. For  $k = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$ ,  $a_i = 0$  or  $1$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n$ ) we have  $|\{k\}^+| < \aleph_0$ . Hence Lemma follows.

**5.5. Definition.** Let  $S$  be an arbitrary set,  $|S| \geq m$ ,  $\mathfrak{S} = \{X \subset S \mid 0 < |X| < m\}$ ,  $\sigma$  be some symbol different from all elements of the set  $S \cup (\mathfrak{S} \times K)$ . Let us put  $P(m) = S \cup (\mathfrak{S} \times K) \cup \{\sigma\}$  ( $=P(m, S, \sigma)$ ) and let us set  $p \leq q$  for  $p, q \in P(m)$  iff  $p = q$  or  $p \in S$ ,  $q = \sigma$  or  $p \in S$ ,  $q = (X, k)$ , where  $X \in \mathfrak{S}$ ,  $k \in K$ ,  $p \in X$ , or  $p = (X, k)$ ,  $q = (X, l)$ , where  $X \in \mathfrak{S}$ ,  $k, l \in K$ ,  $k \leq l$ . This relation is evidently an ordering.

**5.6. Lemma.** *Let  $I \subset S$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (A)  $I$  is an  $n$ -ideal of  $P(m)$ ,
- (B)  $|I| < m$  or  $n \leq m \leq |I|$ .

Proof. I. If  $|I| \geq m$  and  $m < n$ , then we have  $M \subset I$ ,  $|M| = m$ . Then  $M^* = \{\sigma\}$ , thus  $M^{*+} \ni \sigma$ ; consequently  $I$  is not an  $n$ -ideal. The statement (A) implies, thus, the statement (B).

II. Let (B) hold and let  $\emptyset \neq M \subset I$ ,  $|M| < n$ . Then  $|M| < m$  and  $(M, k_0) \in M^*$ ,  $\sigma \in M^*$ . Since  $\{(M, k_0)\}^+ \cap \{\sigma\}^+ = M \subset I$ , we have  $M^{*+} \subset I$ , and consequently  $I$  is an  $n$ -ideal of  $P(m)$ .

**5.7. Lemma.** *Let  $I \subset S$ . Then the following statements  $S$  are equivalent:*

- (A)  $I$  is a completely irreducible  $n$ -ideal of  $P(m)$ ,
- (B)  $|S - I| \leq 1$  and  $n \leq m$ .

Proof. I. Let  $|S - I| > 1$ . Then there exist  $s_1, s_2 \in S - I$ ,  $s_1 \neq s_2$ . Let us put  $X_1 = \{s_1\} \cup I$ ,  $X_2 = \{s_2\} \cup I$ .

a) If  $|I| < m$  then  $X_1, X_2 \in \mathfrak{S}$  and  $\{(X_1, k_0)\}^+ \cap \{(X_2, k_0)\}^+ = I$ ,  $\{(X_1, k_0)\}^+ \neq I \neq \{(X_2, k_0)\}^+$ . Then from 2.2 there follows that  $I$  is not a completely irreducible  $n$ -ideal of  $P(m)$ .

b) If  $n \leq m \leq |I|$ , then according to 5.6  $X_1, X_2$  are  $n$ -ideals of  $P(m)$ ,  $X_1 \cap X_2 = I$ ; hence it follows that  $I$  cannot be a completely irreducible  $n$ -ideal of  $P(m)$ . In case (A) holds, then from 5.6 there follows that  $|S - I| \leq 1$  and  $n \leq m$ .

II. Let (B) hold. According to 5.6  $I$  is an  $n$ -ideal of  $P(m)$ . Let  $I = \bigcap I_\alpha$  ( $\alpha \in A \neq \emptyset$ ), where for  $\alpha \in A$ ,  $I_\alpha$  is an  $n$ -ideal of  $P(m)$ . Then  $\alpha_1 \in A$  exists such that  $\sigma \notin I_{\alpha_1}$ . If  $S - I = \{s_0\}$ , then we have  $\alpha_2 \in A$  such that  $s_0 \notin I_{\alpha_2}$ . Since  $\sigma \geq s_0$ , we have  $\sigma \notin I_{\alpha_2}$

according to 2.2. Consequently  $\alpha_0 \in A$  exists such that  $\sigma \notin I_{\alpha_0}$  and  $I_{\alpha_0} \cap S = I$ . If  $(X, k) \in I_{\alpha_0}$ , where  $X \in \mathfrak{S}$ ,  $k \in K$ , then  $s \in I - X$  exists. Let us set  $M = \{s, (X, k)\}$ . Evidently  $M \subset I_{\alpha_0}$ ,  $0 < |M| < n$ , and  $M^* = \emptyset$ ; consequently  $M^{**} = P(m)$ , which is a contradiction. Thus  $I_{\alpha_0} \cap (\mathfrak{S} \times K) = \emptyset$ , and hence it follows that  $I_{\alpha_0} = I$ .

As we can see, the statement (A) is valid.

**5.8. Lemma.** *Let  $X \in \mathfrak{S}$ ,  $k \in K$ . Then  $\{(X, k)\}^+$  is not a completely irreducible  $m$ -ideal of  $P(m)$ .*

*Proof.* By 5.2  $k_1, k_2 \in K$ ,  $k_1 \neq k \neq k_2$  exist such that  $\{k_1\}^+ \cap \{k_2\}^+ = \{k\}^+$ . Thus  $\{(X, k_1)\}^+ \cap \{(X, k_2)\}^+ = \{(X, k)\}^+$  and from 2.2 then the statement follows.

**5.9. Lemma.** *Let  $z_1, z_2 \in I \cap (\mathfrak{S} \times K)$  where  $I$  is an  $n$ -ideal of  $P(m)$  and let  $z_1 \parallel z_2$ . Then  $I = P(m)$ .*

*Proof.* We have  $z_1 = (X_1, k_1)$ ,  $z_2 = (X_2, k_2)$  where  $X_1, X_2 \in \mathfrak{S}$ ,  $k_1, k_2 \in K$ . Let us put  $M = \{z_1, z_2\}$ . If  $X_1 \neq X_2$  then  $M^* = \emptyset$ . If  $X_1 = X_2$ , then  $k_1 \parallel k_2$  and from 5.3 there follows that  $M^* = \emptyset$ . Consequently  $M^{**} = P(m) \subset I$ .

**5.10. Lemma.** *Let  $I$  be a completely irreducible  $n$ -ideal of  $P(m)$ ,  $n > \aleph_0$  and  $I \cap (\mathfrak{S} \times K) \neq \emptyset$ . Then  $I = P(m)$ .*

*Proof.* Let us put  $A = I \cap (\mathfrak{S} \times K)$ . If  $A$  is not a chain, then  $I = P(m)$  by 5.9.

If  $A$  contains the greatest element  $(X, k)$ , where  $X \in \mathfrak{S}$  and  $k \in K$ , then according to 2.2  $\{(X, k)\}^+ \subset I$ . By 5.8 we have  $z \in I - \{(X, k)\}^+$ . Evidently  $z \notin \mathfrak{S} \times K$  and consequently  $\{z, (X, k)\}^{**} = \emptyset^+ = P(m) \subset I$ . Thus  $I = P(m)$ .

If  $A$  is a chain without the greatest element, we have  $|A| = \aleph_0$  and according to 5.4 it is  $A^* = \emptyset$  and consequently  $A^{**} = P(m) \subset I$ . Thus  $I = P(m)$ .

**5.11. Theorem.** *Let  $m < n$ . Then  $\tau_m(P(m)) \neq \tau_n(P(m))$ .*

*Proof.* Choose  $s \in S$ . By 5.7 the  $\tau_m(P(m))$  - neighbourhood  $U$  of the point  $s$  exists such that  $\sigma \notin U$ .  $I$  being a completely irreducible  $n$ -ideal of  $P(m)$ , we have  $\sigma \in I$  according to 5.7 and 5.10.  $J$  being a dual  $n$ -ideal of  $P(m)$ ,  $s \in J$ , we have  $\sigma \in J$  according to the dual statement to 2.2. Thus, every  $\tau_n(P(m))$  - neighbourhood of the point  $s$  contains the point  $\sigma$ . Hence the statement follows.

## 6. ORDERED SET $S(m)$

**6.1. Definition.** Let ordered sets  $P(\alpha)$ ,  $\aleph_0 \leq \alpha \leq m$  be chosen in such a way that they are mutually disjoint. Let us choose two different symbols  $\omega_1, \omega_2$  different from all elements of the set  $\bigcup P(\alpha)$  ( $\aleph_0 \leq \alpha \leq m$ ). Let us put  $S(m) = \{\omega_1\} \oplus \bigoplus P(\alpha)$  ( $\aleph_0 \leq \alpha \leq m$ )  $\oplus \{\omega_2\}$ .



**6.2. Main Theorem.** Let  $m$  be a cardinal number  $\geq \aleph_1$ . Then for every pair of infinite cardinal numbers  $p < n \leq m$

$$\tau_p(S(m)) \neq \tau_n(S(m))$$

holds.

*Proof.* From Theorem 4.6  $\tau_p(S(m))/P(p) = \tau_p(P(p))$ ,  $\tau_n(S(m))/P(p) = \tau_n(P(p))$  follows. According to Theorem 5.11 it is  $\tau_p(P(p)) \neq \tau_n(P(p))$  from where we get the statement.

**6.3. Remark.** Since an ordered set  $S(m)$  contains the greatest and the least element it is  $m$ -directed. From Theorem 6.2 we get then an affirmative solution of problems 1.1 and 1.2.

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