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For a family F of sets let $pF = \sup |X|$ ($X \in F$). For a cardinal r the authors say that F has the property $A(r)$ if some set X of cardinality $< r$ intersects every member of F : one could write $F \in A(r)$. Analogously, $F \in A(q, r)$ if $F' \subset F$, $|F'| < q \Rightarrow F' \in A(r)$. Def.: (1) $[p, q, r] \rightarrow s$ means that every F such that $pF = p$, $F \in A(q, r)$ possesses the property $A(s)$ too. F possesses the property $B(t)$ if every $F' \subseteq F$ with $|F'| = t$ has a subfamily F'' of cardinality t such that $\bigcap F''$ is non empty. Let $p = p(F)$; $F \in B(p) \Rightarrow F \in A(p)$ (Theorem 6); if moreover $p = \aleph_\alpha$ is singular and $F \in B(\aleph_{cf\alpha})$ then $F \in A(\aleph_\alpha)$ (Theorem 7).

If $p = \aleph_\alpha$ is singular, $r > \aleph_{cf\alpha}$, $q \leq p^+$ then $[p, q, r] \rightarrow s$ for $s \leq p$ (Theorem 1); for $r \leq \aleph_{cf\alpha}$, $q > \aleph_{cf\alpha}$ one has $[p, q, r] \rightarrow p$ (Theorem 2). If \aleph_α is regular, then $[\aleph_{\alpha+n}, \aleph_{\alpha+n+1}, \aleph_\alpha] \rightarrow \aleph_\alpha$ (Theorem 5).

Problem 1. Does $\aleph_{\omega+1}^{\aleph_0} \leq 2^{\aleph_0}$. $\aleph_{\omega+1}$ imply $[\aleph_{\omega+1}, \aleph_{\omega+2}, \aleph_1] \rightarrow \aleph_\omega$? There are also other results, concerning the relation (1), in particular implied by the general continuum hypothesis.

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