

REFINED MORLEY NUMBERS

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Suppose that L is an uncountable first-order language. In this paper the effects on the value of the Morley number for L of restrictions on the cardinality of the type, or set of types, to be omitted are considered. Specifically, it will be shown, for example, that if a cardinal can be characterized by a theory T and a type Σ , both of power λ , then that cardinal can be characterized by a theory T' and a type Σ' , where T' has power λ and Σ' has power equal to the supremum of the inaccessible cardinals smaller than or equal to λ .

Morley numbers (also called *Hanf numbers* for omitting types) were first introduced by Morley in [4], p. 265-273. Basic results and definitions may be found there, or in [5].

1. Introduction. Throughout this paper, ξ and ζ will denote ordinals, and the remaining lower case Greek letters will denote cardinals. For a set A , $|A|$ denotes the cardinality of A . The cardinal $2(\kappa, \xi)$ is defined by induction on ξ :

$$2(\kappa, 0) = \kappa, \quad 2(\kappa, \xi + 1) = 2^{2(\kappa, \xi)},$$

and if ξ is a limit ordinal, then

$$2(\kappa, \xi) = \sup \{2(\kappa, \zeta) : \zeta < \xi\}.$$

L denotes a first-order language, T a theory in L , and Σ a *type*, that is, a set of formulae of L . The formulae of Σ are assumed to have only the variable v_0 free. Notation, except where otherwise indicated, is that of [1].

Definition 1.1. The cardinal λ is *characterized by the pair* (T, Σ) if every model of T which omits Σ has power less than λ and, for every $\nu < \lambda$, T has a model of power ν which omits Σ .

From this definition we obtain the following lemma:

LEMMA 1.1. *If (T, Σ) characterizes ν and T is of power at most κ , Σ is of power $\lambda \leq \kappa$, then there is a pair (T', Σ') , in an extension of L , which*

characterizes ν , such that T' has power at most κ and

$$\Sigma' = \{v_0 \neq c_\xi: \xi < \lambda\} \cup \{U(v_0)\}$$

for some set of constants $\{c_\xi: \xi < \lambda\}$ and some unary relation symbol U .

Proof. Let T and Σ be given such that (T, Σ) characterizes ν , T has power of at most κ , and Σ has power λ , where $\lambda \leq \kappa$. If $\nu \leq \lambda$, then with the set of new constants $\{c_\xi: \xi < \lambda\}$ and a new unary relation U adjoined to the language L of T to yield a language L' one takes the theory T' to consist of the sentences:

$$(\forall v_0) U(v_0), \quad \neg c_\xi = c_\zeta \text{ for } \xi, \zeta < \nu \quad \text{and} \quad c_\xi = c_0 \text{ for } \nu \leq \xi < \lambda.$$

Then (T', Σ') characterizes ν (and reference to T is not required). Thus, it may be assumed that $\nu > \lambda$.

Now, let $\Sigma = \{f_\xi: \xi < \lambda\}$, and let R be a new binary relation symbol which is adjoined to the language L' described above to yield a language L'' . Then T' is the theory $T^{(\neg U)}$ (T relativized to $\neg U$) together with the following sentences:

- (1) $U(c_\xi)$ for $\xi < \lambda$,
- (2) $(\forall v_0)(\neg U(v_0) \rightarrow (\exists v_1)(R(v_0, v_1) \& U(v_1)))$,
- (3) $(\forall v_0)(\neg f_\xi(v_0) \leftrightarrow R(v_0, c_\xi))$ for $\xi < \lambda$.

So, for each model B of T , a model A of T' may be constructed such that the reduct of $A \upharpoonright \neg U$ to L is isomorphic to B . In addition, if B omits Σ , then A omits Σ' ; and, furthermore, in this case, $|B| \geq \lambda$ implies $|B| = |A|$. So, for each $\alpha < \nu$, T' has a model of power α which omits Σ' .

Lastly, to show that (T', Σ') characterizes ν , suppose that A is a model of T' which omits Σ' and $|A| \geq \nu$. Then $A \upharpoonright U$ has power at most λ , and since $\nu > \lambda$, $A \upharpoonright \neg U$ must have power greater than or equal to ν . By (2), every element of $A \upharpoonright \neg U$ is related by R to c_ξ for some $\xi < \lambda$ (Σ being omitted by A). So, by (4), for all $a \in |A \upharpoonright \neg U|$, $A \models \neg f_\xi[a]$ for some $\xi < \lambda$. Thus $A \upharpoonright \neg U$ omits Σ and, therefore, has power less than ν — a contradiction. It follows that all models of T' which omit Σ' have power less than ν , and hence (T', Σ') characterizes ν .

Hence, we may assume that Σ is a set of formulae of the form

$$\{\neg(v_0 = c_\xi): \xi < \lambda\} \cup \{U(v_0)\},$$

where $\{c_\xi: \xi < \lambda\}$ is a set of constant symbols and U is a unary relation symbol.

LEMMA 1.2. *If the cardinal λ is characterized by the pair (T, Σ) , then or every cardinal ν which is less than λ there is a cardinal ρ such that $\nu \leq \rho < \lambda$ and T has a model of power ρ which omits Σ and which has no elementary extension omitting Σ .*

Proof. Suppose that the result does not hold for some cardinal λ and some pair (T, Σ) . Then there is a cardinal $\nu < \lambda$ such that every model of T of power greater than or equal to ν which omits Σ has an elementary extension which omits Σ .

So an elementary chain $\{A_\xi: \xi < \lambda\}$ of models of T which omit Σ may be constructed as follows. Let A_0 be such a model of power ν . If A_ξ has been constructed for $\xi < \zeta$, where $\zeta < \lambda$, then let A_ζ be an elementary extension of $\bigcup_{\xi < \zeta} A_\xi$ which omits Σ in case

$$|\bigcup_{\xi < \zeta} A_\xi| < \lambda,$$

and let A_ζ be

$$\bigcup_{\xi < \zeta} A_\xi \quad \text{if } |\bigcup_{\xi < \zeta} A_\xi| = \lambda.$$

Then $\bigcup_{\xi < \lambda} A_\xi$ is a model of T which omits Σ and it has power λ — a contradiction to the fact that λ is characterized by (T, Σ) .

If ν is a cardinal characterized by a pair (T, Σ) , where T and Σ are contained in a language of power at most κ and $|\Sigma| \leq \lambda$, then we say that ν is *characterized at* (κ, λ) (by (T, Σ)).

Note that ν is characterized at (κ, κ) if and only if ν is characterized at (κ, λ) for every cardinal which is greater than or equal to κ .

2. Omitting a single type. To study the problem stated at the beginning of this paper we formulate the following definition:

Definition 2.1. For cardinals κ and λ ,

$$\mu_1(\kappa, \lambda) = \sup \{ \nu : \nu \text{ is characterized at } (\alpha, \beta) \text{ for some } \alpha < \kappa \text{ and } \beta < \lambda \}.$$

This is one of the *refined Morley numbers* referred to in the title of this paper.

Morley [4], p. 265-273, showed that

$$\mu_1(\aleph_1, \aleph_1) = 2(\aleph_0, \aleph_1)$$

and, for any κ ,

$$\mu_1(\kappa^+, \kappa^+) < 2(\aleph_0, (2^\kappa)^+).$$

Chang [2] has given a simple proof that $\mu_1(\kappa^+, \kappa^+) > 2(\aleph_0, \kappa^+)$ if $\text{cf}(\kappa) > \aleph_0$ (this was first observed, assuming $V = L$, by Morley and Morley [6]) and Helling [3], using the generalized continuum hypothesis, showed that if $\text{cf}(\kappa) = \aleph_0$, then $\mu_1(\kappa^+, \kappa^+) = 2(\aleph_0, \kappa^+)$.

THEOREM 2.1. For cardinals ν, κ, λ_1 , and λ , if ν is characterized at (κ, λ_1) and, for some λ_2 greater than λ_1 and less than or equal to ν and κ , λ_2^+ is characterized at (κ, λ) , then ν is characterized at (κ, λ) .

Proof. First note that $\lambda_1 \leq \kappa$.

Suppose that (T_1, Σ_1) characterizes ν at (κ, λ_1) and (T_2, Σ_2) characterizes λ_2^+ at (κ, λ) for some λ_2 such that $\lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2 \leq \kappa$, where T_1, T_2 , and Σ_1, Σ_2 are formulated in languages L_1 and L_2 , respectively, which have only logical symbols and individual variables in common. Using Lemma 1.1, we may suppose that

$$\Sigma_1 = \{v_0 \neq c_\xi : \xi < \lambda_3\} \cup \{U(v_0)\}$$

for some set of constant symbols $\{c_\xi : \xi < \lambda_3\}$, where $\lambda_3 \leq \lambda_1$, and some unary relation symbol U .

Put

$$L = L_1 \cup L_2 \cup \{U_1, U_2, R\} \cup \{d_\xi : \xi < \lambda_2\},$$

where U_1 and U_2 are new unary relation symbols, R is a new binary relation symbol, and $\{d_\xi : \xi < \lambda_2\}$ is a set of new constant symbols. We consider the case $\lambda_3 < \lambda_2$; the case $\lambda_3 = \lambda_2$ follows from a simplification of the following argument.

Select a model B of T_2 which omits Σ_2 , has power λ_2 , and has no elementary extension omitting Σ_2 — such a model exists by Lemma 1.2. Let T be a set of sentences in L such that if $A \models T$, then

- (1) U_1 and U_2 partition A ;
- (2) $A \upharpoonright U_i \models T_i$ for $i = 1, 2$;
- (3) $A \models U_2(d_\xi)$ for all $\xi < \lambda_2$;
- (4) the reduct of $A \upharpoonright \{d_\xi : \xi < \lambda_2\}$ to L_2 is isomorphic to B ;
- (5) $A \models R(c_\xi, d_\xi)$ for $\xi < \lambda_3$ and $A \models R(c_0, d_\xi)$ for $\lambda_3 \leq \xi < \lambda_2$.

Lastly, put $\Sigma = \Sigma_2 \cup \{U_2(v_0)\}$.

Then $|T| \leq \kappa$ and $|\Sigma| \leq \lambda$. If C is a model of T which omits Σ , then C omits

$$\{v_0 \neq d_\xi : \xi < \lambda_1\} \cup \{U_2(v_0)\} = \Sigma_3.$$

Indeed, if C realized Σ_3 , then the reduct of $C \upharpoonright U_2$ to L_2 would be isomorphic to a strict extension of B by (2), (3), and (4), and so, by the definition of B , it would realize Σ_2 . Hence C would realize Σ by the definition of Σ .

It follows that $\Sigma_1 \cup \{U_1(v_0)\} = \Sigma_4$ is omitted by C — for suppose $a \in C$ and a realizes Σ_4 in C . By (5),

$$C \models (\forall v_0)(\exists! v_1)R(v_1, v_0),$$

where $\exists!$ is interpreted as “there is a unique ...”. So there is an element $b \in C$ such that $C \models R(a, b)$ and, by (5), $b \neq d_\xi$ for all $\xi < \lambda_2$. Hence $C \upharpoonright U_2$ realizes Σ_2 , and so C realizes Σ , which is a contradiction.

Since $C \upharpoonright U_1$ is a model of T_1 and omits Σ_1 , we have $|C \upharpoonright U_1| < \nu$, and since $C \upharpoonright U_2$ is a model of T_2 and omits Σ_2 , we obtain $|C \upharpoonright U_2| \leq \lambda_2$. Consequently, $|C| < \nu$ (for $\lambda_2 < \nu$).

COROLLARY 2.1. *If ν is characterized at (κ, λ_1) and, for some λ_2 greater than or equal to λ_1 and at most equal to ν and κ , λ_2 is characterized at (κ, λ) , then ν is characterized at (κ, λ) .*

Proof. If λ_2 is characterized at (κ, λ) , then, using results of Morley [4], p. 265-273, so is λ_2^+ , and the result follows from Theorem 2.1.

If λ is a cardinal, put

$$\lambda^\# = \sup \{ \nu \leq \lambda : \nu \text{ is weakly inaccessible} \}$$

and

$$\lambda^{\#\#} = \sup \{ \nu \leq \lambda : \nu \text{ is strongly inaccessible} \}.$$

THEOREM 2.2. *If ν is characterized at (κ, λ) , then ν is characterized at $(\kappa, \lambda^\#)$.*

Proof. We consider two cases.

Case 1. $\nu \geq \lambda$. The proof proceeds by transfinite induction on λ , having observed that if $\lambda = \lambda^\#$, then the result holds trivially.

Suppose that the result holds for all β such that $\beta < \lambda$.

If $\kappa < \lambda$, then ν is characterized at (κ, κ) and so, by the induction hypothesis, ν is characterized at $(\kappa, \kappa^\#)$, and hence at $(\kappa, \lambda^\#)$ — since $\kappa < \lambda$ implies $\kappa^\# \leq \lambda^\#$. Thus, we may suppose that $\kappa \geq \lambda$.

(a) Suppose that $\lambda = \beta^+$ for some β . Since $\kappa \geq \beta^+$, β^+ is characterized at (κ, β) , and so, by the induction hypothesis, at $(\kappa, \beta^\#)$. Using Corollary 2.1 and the fact that $(\beta^+)^\# = \beta^\#$, if ν is characterized at (κ, β^+) , then ν is characterized at $(\kappa, (\beta^+)^\#)$.

(b) Suppose that $\lambda > \lambda^\#$, $\lambda > \text{cf}(\lambda)$, and

$$\lambda = \sum_{\xi < \text{cf}(\lambda)} a_\xi$$

for some set of cardinals $\{a_\xi : \xi < \text{cf}(\lambda)\}$ such that $a_\xi < \lambda$ for all $\xi < \text{cf}(\lambda)$. For $\xi < \text{cf}(\lambda)$, a_ξ is characterized at (a_ξ, a_ξ) , and hence at (κ, a_ξ) since, by assumption, $\kappa \geq \lambda > a_\xi$. It follows from the induction hypothesis that a_ξ is characterized at $(\kappa, a_\xi^\#)$, and hence at $(\kappa, \lambda^\#)$ — again, since $a_\xi \leq \lambda$ implies $a_\xi^\# \leq \lambda^\#$. Similarly, $\text{cf}(\lambda)$ is characterized at $(\kappa, \lambda^\#)$.

It now follows, using a method from [4], p. 267, that λ can be characterized by a pair (T, Σ) , where

$$|T| \leq \kappa \text{cf}(\lambda) + \text{cf}(\lambda) = \kappa \quad \text{and} \quad |\Sigma| \leq \lambda^\# \text{cf}(\lambda) + \text{cf}(\lambda) = \lambda^\# + \text{cf}(\lambda).$$

That is to say, λ can be characterized at $(\kappa, \lambda^\# + \text{cf}(\lambda))$. Now $\lambda^\# + \text{cf}(\lambda) < \lambda$ using the assumptions on λ ; so, by the induction hypothesis, λ can be characterized at $(\kappa, \lambda^\#)$.

Suppose that ν is characterized at (κ, λ) . By the above, λ can be characterized at $(\kappa, \lambda^\#)$, and so ν can be characterized at $(\kappa, \lambda^\#)$ by Corollary 2.1.

Case 2. $\nu < \lambda$. Clearly, ν can be characterized at (ν, ν) and so, by Case 1, at $(\nu, \nu^\#)$, and hence at $(\kappa, \lambda^\#)$ if $\nu \leq \kappa$. If $\nu > \kappa$, then ν can be characterized at (κ, ν) , and so at $(\kappa, \nu^\#)$ and $(\kappa, \lambda^\#)$.

This concludes the proof of the theorem.

COROLLARY 2.2. *For cardinals κ and λ , $\mu_1(\kappa, \lambda) = \mu_1(\kappa, (\lambda^\#)^\#)$ if $\lambda \neq \lambda^\#$.*

This follows immediately from the definition of μ_1 and Theorem 2.2.

The above result can be improved. To do this, we first observe the following

LEMMA 2.1. *If ν is characterized at (κ, λ) and $\lambda \leq 2^a \leq \nu$ for some cardinal a , then ν is characterized at (κ, a) .*

Proof. Obviously, we may assume that $a < \lambda$. Now, 2^a can be characterized at (a, a) (see [4], p. 265-273), so if $a \leq \kappa$, then 2^a can be characterized at (κ, a) and the result follows by applying Corollary 2.1.

In the remaining case, namely $a > \kappa$, the result is trivial.

We now state the main theorem of this section.

THEOREM 2.3. *For cardinals κ and λ , if $\lambda \neq \lambda^{\#\#}$, then*

$$\mu_1(\kappa, \lambda) = \mu_1(\kappa, (\lambda^{\#\#})^\#).$$

Furthermore, if κ is smaller than or equal to λ , then

$$\mu_1(\kappa, \lambda) = \mu_1(\kappa, \kappa).$$

Proof. The second result is obvious.

To obtain the first result, the induction in the proof of Theorem 2.2 is extended using Lemma 2.1. So, a further case, 3, is obtained:

Case 3. Suppose that $\lambda = 2^\beta$ for some cardinal $\beta < \lambda$, and ν is characterized at (κ, λ) . By Lemma 2.1, ν is characterized at (κ, β) .

So, in particular, we note that if θ_0 is the first strongly inaccessible cardinal and $\aleph_0 < \lambda < \theta_0$, then $\mu_1(\kappa, \lambda) = \mu_1(\kappa, \aleph_1)$.

Similarly, if no strongly inaccessible cardinal exists, then $\mu_1(\kappa, \lambda) = \mu_1(\kappa, \aleph_1)$ for all $\lambda > \aleph_0$.

3. Omitting sets of types. We begin by extending Definition 1.1.

Definition 3.1. Let \mathfrak{S} denote a set of types. Then the cardinal λ is characterized by the pair (T, \mathfrak{S}) if every model of T , which omits every type in \mathfrak{S} , has power smaller than λ and, for every cardinal ν smaller than λ , T has a model of power at least ν which omits every type in \mathfrak{S} .

Definition 3.2. For a cardinal θ , θ is *characterized at* (κ, λ, ν) (by the pair (T, \mathfrak{S})) if \mathfrak{S} is a set of types such that $|\mathfrak{S}|$ is at most equal to λ , $T \cup \bigcup \mathfrak{S}$ is contained in a language of power at most κ , each member of \mathfrak{S} has power at most ν , and (T, \mathfrak{S}) characterizes θ .

Definition 3.3. For cardinals κ , λ , and ν , we define

$$\mu_2(\kappa, \lambda, \nu) = \sup \{ \theta : \theta \text{ is characterized at } (\kappa_1, \lambda_1, \nu_1) \\ \text{for some } \kappa_1 < \kappa, \lambda_1 < \lambda \text{ and } \nu_1 < \nu \}.$$

In this section we examine $\mu_2(\kappa, \lambda, \nu)$ — the *second refined Morley number*. A proof of the following theorem may be found in [2] and [7].

THEOREM 3.1. $\mu_2(\kappa^+, (2^\kappa)^+, \kappa^+) = 2(\aleph_0, (2^\kappa)^+)$.

Next, observe that μ_2 is a non-decreasing function with respect to each variable. Put

$$\sum_{\lambda < \kappa} \nu^\lambda = \nu^{<\kappa}.$$

THEOREM 3.2. *If κ is a limit cardinal, then*

$$(i) \quad \mu_2(\kappa, 2^{<\kappa}, \kappa) = 2\left(\aleph_0, \sum_{\lambda < \kappa} (2^\lambda)^+\right) \quad \text{if } 2^\lambda < 2^{<\kappa} \text{ for all } \lambda < \kappa$$

and

$$(ii) \quad \mu_2(\kappa, (2^{<\kappa})^+, \kappa) = 2(\aleph_0, 2^{<\kappa}) \quad \text{if } 2^\lambda = 2^{<\kappa} \text{ for some } \lambda < \kappa.$$

Proof. (i) First,

$$\mu_2(\kappa, 2^{<\kappa}, \kappa) = \sup \{ \theta : \theta \text{ is characterized at } (\kappa_1, \lambda_1, \nu_1) \\ \text{for some } \kappa_1 < \kappa, \lambda_1 < 2^{<\kappa} \text{ and } \nu_1 < \kappa \} \\ = \sup \{ \mu_2(\lambda^+, (2^\lambda)^+, \lambda^+) : \lambda < \kappa \} \quad \text{if } 2^\lambda < 2^{<\kappa} \text{ for all } \lambda < \kappa.$$

The result follows, after an application of Theorem 3.1, from the fact that

$$2\left(\aleph_0, \sum_{\lambda < \kappa} (2^\lambda)^+\right) = \sup \{ 2(\aleph_0, (2^\lambda)^+) : \lambda < \kappa \}.$$

To see this, observe that since $2^\lambda < 2^{<\kappa}$ for all $\lambda < \kappa$, there is a sequence $\langle \lambda_\xi : \xi < \text{cf}(\kappa) \rangle$ which is cofinal with κ and such that $2^{\lambda_\xi} < 2^{\lambda_\zeta}$ for $\xi < \zeta < \text{cf}(\kappa)$. Then

$$\sup \{ 2(\aleph_0, (2^\lambda)^+) : \lambda < \kappa \} = 2\left(\aleph_0, \sum_{\lambda < \kappa} (2^\lambda)^+\right)$$

from the definition of $2(\alpha, \beta)$, since κ is a limit cardinal.

(ii) If $2^\lambda = 2^{<\kappa}$ for some $\lambda < \kappa$, then

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_2(\kappa, (2^{<\kappa})^+, \kappa) &= \sup \{ \mu_2(\lambda^+, (2^\lambda)^+, \lambda^+) : \lambda < \kappa \} \\ &= \sup \{ 2(\aleph_0, (2^\lambda)^+) : \lambda < \kappa \} = 2(\aleph_0, (2^{<\kappa})^+).\end{aligned}$$

THEOREM 3.3. (i) $\mu_2(\kappa^+, \lambda, \nu) = \mu_2(\kappa^+, (\kappa^{<\nu})^+, \nu)$ if $\lambda > \kappa^{<\nu}$.

(ii) $\mu_2(\kappa, \lambda, \nu) = \mu_2(\kappa, \lambda, \kappa)$ if $\nu \geq \kappa$.

These follow directly from the definition of $\mu_2(\kappa, \lambda, \nu)$.

THEOREM 3.4. If κ is a limit cardinal and

$$\lambda > \sum_{\alpha < \kappa} \alpha^{<\nu},$$

then

$$\mu_2(\kappa, \lambda, \nu) = \mu_2\left(\kappa, \sum_{\alpha < \kappa} (\alpha^{<\nu})^+, \nu\right).$$

Proof. Since μ_2 is non-decreasing, we have

$$\mu_2(\kappa, \lambda, \nu) \geq \mu_2\left(\kappa, \sum_{\alpha < \kappa} (\alpha^{<\nu})^+, \nu\right)$$

by the assumption on κ, λ , and ν . Conversely,

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_2(\kappa, \lambda, \nu) &= \sup \{ \mu_2(\alpha^+, \lambda, \nu) : \alpha < \kappa \} \\ &= \sup \{ \mu_2(\alpha, (\alpha^{<\nu})^+, \nu) : \alpha < \kappa \} \quad \text{by Theorem 3.3 (i)} \\ &\leq \sup \{ \mu_2(\kappa, (\alpha^{<\nu})^+, \nu) : \alpha < \kappa \} \\ &= \mu_2\left(\kappa, \sum_{\alpha < \kappa} (\alpha^{<\nu})^+, \nu\right).\end{aligned}$$

THEOREM 3.5. (i) If $\lambda \leq \nu \leq \kappa$, then

$$\mu_2(\kappa, \lambda, \nu) = \mu_1(\kappa, \nu).$$

(ii) If $\nu < \lambda \leq \kappa$, then

$$\mu_2(\kappa, \lambda, \nu) = \mu_1(\kappa, \lambda).$$

Proof. Both results follow from the fact that a set of α types each of power less than β may be replaced by a single type of power less than or equal to $\max\{\alpha, \beta\}$ — the technique for doing this may be found in [4], p. 267.

From the results above, μ_2 can be evaluated (considered as a function on the class of cardinals) if μ_1 is known and also

(1) $\mu_2(\kappa^+, \lambda, \nu)$ is known for all κ, λ , and ν such that

$$\kappa < \lambda \leq (2^\kappa)^+, \quad \nu \leq \kappa^+, \quad \text{and} \quad \kappa^{<\nu} > \kappa;$$

(2) $\mu_2(\kappa, \lambda, \nu)$ is known for κ a limit cardinal and all λ and ν such that

$$\kappa \leq \lambda \leq 2^{<\kappa}, \quad \nu \leq \kappa, \quad \text{and} \quad \theta^{<\nu} > \kappa \text{ for some } \theta < \kappa.$$

If the generalized continuum hypothesis is assumed, then the results above simplify considerably since $2^\alpha = \alpha^+$ and $2^{<\alpha} = \alpha$ for all cardinals α .

In particular, μ_2 can then be evaluated entirely if μ_1 is known.

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