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# $2^{\text {xo }}$ CAN BE ANYTHING IT OUGHT TO BE 

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We consider countable models for Zermelo-Fraenkel set theory (including the axiom of choice), which we call, for brevity, ZF*-models. Let $\mathfrak{M}\left(=\left(M, \in_{M}\right)\right)$ and $\mathfrak{P}$ be $Z F^{*}$-models. Then $\mathfrak{P}$ is an excellent extension of $\mathfrak{M}$ if and only if: (a) $\mathfrak{M}$ is a complete submodel of $\mathfrak{R}$; (b) the ordinals (cardinals) of $\mathfrak{N}$ are exactly the ordinals (cardinals) of $\mathfrak{M}$; and (c) the confinality, $\operatorname{cf}(\mathbb{\aleph})$, of a cardinal $\mathbb{N}$ has the same value in $\mathfrak{M}$ as in $\mathfrak{N}$.

The proofs of the following three theorems use the new techniques introduced in Cohen [63,64]. (The first theorem is due, independently, to Cohen.) Let $\mathfrak{M}$ be a $\mathrm{ZF}^{*}$-model in which $V=L$ is valid, fixed once for all.

Theorem 1. Let $\mathbb{\aleph}$ be an infinite cardinal of $\mathfrak{M}$ with $\mathbf{N}_{0}<\operatorname{cf}(\mathbb{\aleph})$. Then there is an excellent extension $\mathfrak{N}$ of $\mathfrak{M}$ in which $2^{\mathfrak{N}_{0}}=\mathbb{N}$.

Theorem 2. Let $\mathfrak{N}$ and $\boldsymbol{\aleph}^{\prime}$ be infinite cardinals of $\mathfrak{M}$ with $\boldsymbol{\aleph}=\operatorname{cf}(\mathbb{N})<$ $<\operatorname{cf}\left(\mathfrak{N}^{\prime}\right)$. Then there is an excellent extension $\mathfrak{M}$ of $\mathfrak{M}$ in which:
(i) $2^{\boldsymbol{N}}=\boldsymbol{K}^{\prime}$;
(ii) if $\boldsymbol{\aleph}_{\alpha}<\boldsymbol{N}$, then $2^{\boldsymbol{N}_{\alpha}}=\boldsymbol{\aleph}_{\alpha+1}$.

Theorem 3. Identify the ordinary integers with an initial segment of the integers of $\mathfrak{M}$. Let $k, n_{0}, \ldots, n_{k}$ be ordinary integers and suppose that $i<n_{i}($ for $0 \leqslant i \leqslant k)$ and $n_{0} \leqslant n_{1} \leqslant \ldots \leqslant n_{k}$. Then there is an excellent extension $\mathfrak{P}$ of $\mathfrak{M}$ in which $2^{\mathfrak{N}_{i}}=\boldsymbol{N}_{n_{i}}$ (for $\left.0 \leqslant i \leqslant k\right)$.

Remarks on the proof Theorem 2. The essential point is to make sure that no "new" sets of cardinality less than $\mathcal{N}$ land in $\mathfrak{M}$. This is insured as follows: (1) we add a generic subset of $\boldsymbol{\kappa}^{\prime}$, say $A$; (2) a set of conditions on $A$ will be a set (of $\mathfrak{M}$ ) of conditions of the form " $\alpha \in A$ " (or " $\neg \alpha \in A$ ") whose cardinality in $\mathfrak{M}$ is less than $\mathfrak{\aleph}$. (Of course, outside of $\mathfrak{M}$, the sets of conditions are denumerable since $\mathfrak{M}$ is, so Cohen's diagonal construction applies.) The crucial observation is the following:

Lemma. Let $\Sigma$ be a set (in $\mathfrak{M}$ ) of limited statements whose cardinality (in $\mathfrak{M}$ ) is less than $\mathfrak{\aleph}$. Then any set of conditions $P$ has an extension forcing each member of $\Sigma$.

