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A cardinal κ is *inaccessible* if

- $\kappa > \aleph_0$,
- for every cardinal λ , $\lambda < \kappa$ implies that $2^{\lambda} < \kappa$, and
- for every set I of cardinals, if $|I| < \kappa$ and each member of I is less than κ , then $\sum \{\lambda : \lambda \in I\} < \kappa$.

A cardinal λ will be called *accessible* if there is no inaccessible cardinal κ such that $\kappa \leq \lambda$.

Remark

ZFC has a model in which all cardinal numbers are accessible.

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Four auxiliary graphs with endpoints



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But where to apply my Mal'cev conditions? I applied them for sets

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