

- KATARZYNA W. KOWALIK, *A non speed-up result for the chain-antichain principle over a weak base theory.*

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The chain-antichain principle (CAC), a well-known consequence of Ramsey's Theorem for pairs and two colours, says that for every partial order on  $\mathbb{N}$  there exists an infinite chain or antichain with respect to this order. We study the strength of this principle over the weak base theory  $\text{RCA}_0^*$ , which is obtained from  $\text{RCA}_0$  by replacing the  $\Sigma_1^0$ -induction scheme with  $\Delta_1^0$ -induction.

It was shown by Patey and Yokoyama in [3] that  $\text{RT}_2^2$  is  $\Pi_3^0$ -conservative over  $\text{RCA}_0$  and from [4] it follows that  $\text{RT}_2^2$  is also  $\Pi_3^0$ -conservative over  $\text{RCA}_0^*$  (cf. [1]). The conservativity results lead to the question whether  $\text{RT}_2^2$  has significantly shorter proofs for  $\Pi_3^0$ -sentences. The answer depends on the choice of the base theory: it was proved in [2] that  $\text{RT}_2^2$  can be polynomially simulated by  $\text{RCA}_0$  for  $\Pi_3^0$ -sentences but it has non-elementary speed-up over  $\text{RCA}_0^*$  for  $\Sigma_1^0$ -sentences.

The speed-up result was obtained by the use of the exponential lower bound for the finite version of  $\text{RT}_2^2$ . However, it follows from Dilworth's theorem that the upper bound for the finite version of CAC is polynomial. This suggests that CAC, despite being a relatively strong consequence of  $\text{RT}_2^2$ , might not have an analogous speed-up over  $\text{RCA}_0^*$ . We confirm this conjecture by constructing a two-step forcing interpretation of  $\text{RCA}_0^* + \text{CAC}$  in  $\text{RCA}_0^*$ .

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