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Let  $J$  be infinite and let  $I = \mathcal{P}_f(J)$ . Define  $S_J = \{(i, f) \mid i \in I, f : \mathcal{P}(i) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(i)\}$ . For  $(i, f), (k, g) \in S_J$ , define  $f * g : \mathcal{P}(i \cup k) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(i \cup k)$  as follows. For  $x \in \mathcal{P}(i \cup k)$ , let  $(f * g)(x) = g(x)$ , if  $x = \emptyset$ ; let  $(f * g)(x) = g(x \cap k)$ , if  $x \cap k \neq \emptyset$ ; let  $f * g(x) = f(x)$ , if  $x \in \mathcal{P}(i \setminus k)$  and  $x \neq \emptyset$ . Define  $(i, f) * (k, g) = (i \cup k, f * g)$ .  $(S_J, *)$  is a semigroup. We consider  $(\beta S_J, \otimes)$ , the *Stone-Čech* Compactification of the semigroup  $(S_J, *)$ . The collection  $\{\beta_A(S_J) \mid A \in \mathcal{P}(J)\}$  is a partition of  $\beta S_J$  and the cardinality of  $\beta_A(S_J)$  is  $2^{2^{|J|}}$ . (Received October 25, 2013)