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# Reaping and Rosenthal Families

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Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a Boolean algebra,  $\{\mu_k : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+ \cup \{0\}\}_{k \in \omega}$  be a uniformly bounded sequence of finitely additive measures on  $\mathcal{A}$  and let  $(A_n)_{n \in \omega}$  be pairwise disjoint elements of  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Then there is a  $A \in \mathcal{R} = [\omega]^\omega$  such that for every  $k \in A$  we have

$$\sum_{n \in A \setminus \{k\}} \mu_k(A_n) \leq \varepsilon.$$

A set  $D \subseteq [\omega]^\omega$  is *dense* if for all  $A \in [\omega]^\omega$  there is  $B \in D$  such that  $B \subseteq A$ . Given a non-empty collection  $\mathcal{D}$  of dense sets, a set  $G \subseteq [\omega]^\omega$  is  *$\mathcal{D}$ -generic* if  $G \cap D \neq \emptyset$  for all  $D \in \mathcal{D}$ .

## Definition

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## Rosenthal lemma

For every Rosenthal matrix  $M$  and for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  the set

$$D_{M,\varepsilon} = \{A \in [\omega]^\omega : \|M \upharpoonright A\| \leq \varepsilon\}$$

is dense.

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## Questions

- Selective Ultrafilters are Rosenthal Families. Is it true that all ultrafilters are Rosenthal families?
- What is the value of  $\text{ros}$ ?

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Given any partition into finitely many pieces, any hereditary reaping family will have to pick a piece, so

## Corollary

Ultrafilter  $\Rightarrow$  hereditarily reaping  $\Rightarrow$  Rosenthal family.

$$\tau_{\text{os}} \leq \tau$$

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- Are all Rosenthal filters ultrafilters?

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## Theorem (Kadison-Singer problem)[Marcus, Spielman, Srivastava]

For every  $\varepsilon > 0$  and every  $T \in \mathcal{B}(\ell_2)$  there is a finite partition  $\omega = A_0, \dots, A_n$  such that for every  $i \in 0, \dots, n$ ,  $\|P_{A_i} T P_{A_i}\|_\infty \leq \varepsilon \cdot \|T\|_\infty$ .  
Therefore  $\text{ros}(\ell_2) \leq \mathfrak{r}$ .

Such theorem is impossible for  $p = \infty$ .

Thank you for your attention!

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## References

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