

Almost disjoint refinements

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The concept

Given a family

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we (at least some of us) want to find a family

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$\mathcal{A} = \{A_0, A_1, A_2, \dots, A_\alpha, \dots\}$ of still “large” sets s.t.

$A_\alpha \cap A_\beta$ is “small” for every $\alpha \neq \beta$.

Definition

Given an ideal \mathcal{I} on a set X . A family $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{I}^+ = \mathcal{P}(X) \setminus \mathcal{I}$ is **\mathcal{I} -almost disjoint** (\mathcal{I} -AD) if $A \cap B \in \mathcal{I}$ for every two distinct $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$.

From now on “large” = “ $\in \mathcal{I}^+$ ”, “small” = “ $\in \mathcal{I}$ ”, and we are looking for \mathcal{I} -AD refinements of families of \mathcal{I} -positive sets.

For instance, \mathcal{I}^+ does not have \mathcal{I} -AD refinements.

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For each $A \in \mathcal{A}_0$ let $A' = \bigcup\{P_n : n \in A\}$, $A' \in \mathcal{I}^+$, and let $\mathcal{A} = \{A' : A \in \mathcal{A}_0\}$. The function $\mathcal{P}(\omega) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\omega)$, $A \mapsto A'$ is injective and continuous hence \mathcal{A} is also perfect.

Remark

In L there is a Δ_2^1 ideal \mathcal{I} such that all \mathcal{I} -AD families are countable: We know that there is a Δ_2^1 prime ideal \mathcal{J} in L (by the most natural recursive construction of a prime ideal from a Δ_2^1 -good well-order of the reals).

Copy \mathcal{J} to every elements of an infinite partition of ω , and let \mathcal{I} be the generated ideal.

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Proof: In a minute but first of all some examples. . .

Examples of Borel and (co)analytic ideals

F_σ ideals:

- Summable ideals, e.g. $\mathcal{I}_{1/n} = \{A \subseteq \omega : \sum_{n \in A} \frac{1}{n} < \infty\}$.

- Farah's ideal:

$$\mathcal{J}_F = \left\{ A \subseteq \omega : \sum_{n \in \omega} \frac{\min\{n, |A \cap [2^n, 2^{n+1})|\}}{n^2} < \infty \right\}.$$

- Tsirelson ideals (Farah, Solecki, Veličković).

- The van der Waerden ideal:

$$\mathcal{W} = \{A \subseteq \omega : A \text{ does not contain arbitrary long AP's}\}.$$

- The random graph ideal:

$$\mathcal{Ran} = \text{id}(\{\text{homogeneous subsets of the random graph}\}).$$

- The ideal of graphs with finite chromatic number:

$$\mathcal{G}_{fc} = \{E \subseteq [\omega]^2 : \chi(\omega, E) < \omega\}.$$

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- (Generalized) Density ideals, e.g. $\mathcal{Z} = \{A \subseteq \omega : \frac{|A \cap n|}{n} \rightarrow 0\}$.
- The trace of the null ideal: $\text{tr}(\mathcal{N}) = \{A \subseteq 2^{<\omega} : \lambda\{f \in 2^\omega : \exists^\infty n \ f \upharpoonright n \in A\} = 0\}$.
- The ideal of nowhere dense subsets of the rationals:
 $\text{Nwd} = \{A \subseteq \mathbb{Q} : \text{int}(\overline{A}) = \emptyset\}$.
- Banach space ideals (Louveau, Veličković).

$F_{\sigma\delta\sigma}$ ideals:

- The ideal Conv is generated by those infinite subsets of $\mathbb{Q} \cap [0, 1]$ which are convergent in $[0, 1]$, in other words
 $\text{Conv} = \{A \subseteq \mathbb{Q} \cap [0, 1] : |\{\text{acc. points of } A \text{ (in } \mathbb{R})\}| < \omega\}$.
- The Fubini product of Fin by itself:
 $\text{Fin} \otimes \text{Fin} = \{A \subseteq \omega \times \omega : \forall^\infty n \in \omega \ |(A)_n| < \omega\}$.

A coanalytic(-complete) example, the ideal of graphs without infinite complete subgraphs:

$$\mathcal{G}_c = \{E \subseteq [\omega]^2 : \forall X \in [\omega]^\omega [X]^2 \not\subseteq E\}.$$

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Working in $V^{\mathbb{P}}$, enumerate $\{X_\alpha : \alpha < \mathfrak{c}^V\}$ the set $\mathcal{I}^+ \cap V$. We will construct the desired \mathcal{I} -AD refinement $\{A_\alpha : \alpha < \mathfrak{c}^V\}$ by recursion on \mathfrak{c}^V . We will also define a sequence $(B_\alpha)_{\alpha < \mathfrak{c}^V}$ in \mathcal{I}^+ .

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Case 1: If $\gamma_\alpha = \gamma_\beta = \gamma$ then $B_\alpha, B_\beta \in \mathcal{A}_{X_\gamma}$ are distinct, and hence $A_\alpha \cap A_\beta \subseteq B_\alpha \cap B_\beta \in \mathcal{I}$.

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Case 2b: If \mathcal{I} is analytic, then $B(X_{\gamma_\alpha}, X_\beta)$ is coanalytic. Therefore if $B(X_{\gamma_\alpha}, X_\beta)$ does not contain perfect subsets from V , then it is the same set in the extension: If it would contain a new real $E \in B(X_{\gamma_\alpha}, X_\beta) \setminus V$, then $E \in B(X_{\gamma_\alpha}, X_\beta) \setminus L[r]$ but it contradicts the Mansfield-Solovay theorem. In particular, $B_\alpha \notin B(X_{\gamma_\alpha}, X_\beta)$ and it yields that $A_\alpha \cap A_\beta \subseteq B_\alpha \cap X_\beta \in \mathcal{I}$.

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Question

Is it possible that \mathbb{P} adds new reals, does not collapse cardinals and $V^{\mathbb{P}} \models [\omega]^\omega \cap V$ has a projective AD refinement”?

Thank you for your attention!