

# Notions of Domination Between Invariant Types

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# Overview

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Everything is *very* work in progress. Comments, suggestions, corrections, etc. are extremely welcome.

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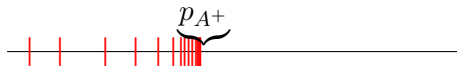
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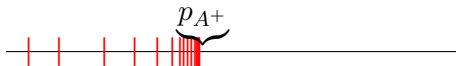
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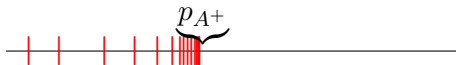
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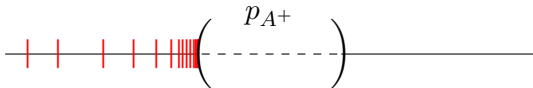
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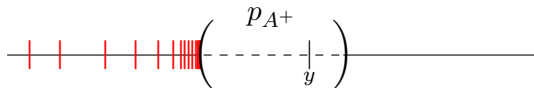
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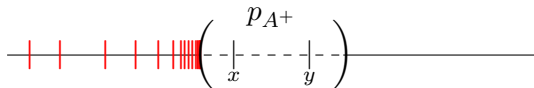
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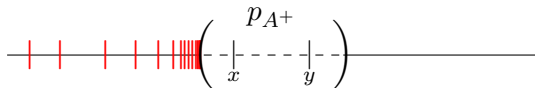
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Note how this monoid has a compatible order structure: inclusion of subsets (will be relevant later).

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Maybe it is better to replace  $p \sim q$  with  $p \geq q \geq p$ ?

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## More examples: Branches

### Example

Let  $T$  be the theory in the language  $\{P_\sigma \mid \sigma \in 2^{<\omega}\}$  asserting that every point belongs to every  $P_{\eta|n}$  for exactly one  $\eta \in 2^\omega$ . Then  $\overline{\text{Inv}}(\mathfrak{U}) \cong \bigoplus_{2^{\aleph_0}} \mathbb{N}$ .

Basically,  $\overline{\text{Inv}}(\mathfrak{U})$  here is counting how many new points are in a “branch”.

## More Examples: Cross-cutting Equivalence Relations

$T_n := n$  generic equivalence relations  $E_i$ ; intersection of classes of different  $E_i$  always infinite. Here  $(\overline{\text{Inv}}(\mathfrak{U}), \otimes)$  is generated by:

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For each  $i < n$ , a class  $\llbracket p_i \rrbracket$  saying  $x$  is in a new  $E_i$  class, but in existing  $E_j$ -classes for  $j \neq i$  (does not matter which)

So

$$\overline{\text{Inv}}(\mathfrak{U}) \cong \prod_{i < n} \mathbb{N} \oplus \bigoplus_{\kappa} \mathbb{N}$$

Why  $\prod$  instead of  $\bigoplus$ ? If we allow, say,  $\aleph_0$  equivalence relations, then

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In this case, for each cut  $C$  there are generators  $\llbracket p_{C,P} \rrbracket$  and  $\llbracket p_{C,\neg P} \rrbracket$ , with relations

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(same relations swapping  $P$  and  $\neg P$ )

$$\llbracket p_{C_0,-} \rrbracket \otimes \llbracket p_{C_1,-} \rrbracket = \llbracket p_{C_0,-} \rrbracket \otimes \llbracket p_{C_1,-} \rrbracket \text{ whenever } C_0 \neq C_1.$$

## RK-Domination

Another notion classically studied is (see e.g. [2]):

### Definition

$p \geq_{\text{RK}} q$  iff every model realising  $p$  realises  $q$ .

This behaves best in totally transcendental theories (because of prime models). It corresponds  $p(x) \cup \varphi(x, y) \vdash q(y)$ .

But even there, it is *not* true that every type decomposes as a product of  $\geq_{\text{RK}}$ -minimal types.

A classical example where  $\triangleright$  differs from  $\geq_{\text{RK}}$ : generic equivalence relation with a bijection  $s$  such that  $\forall x E(x, s(x))$ .

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