

Analytic Filters I

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Filters

Definition

Let E be a set. A set \mathcal{F} of subsets of E is called a **filter** if

- $\emptyset \notin \mathcal{F}$
- for $M \in \mathcal{F}$ and $M \subset N \subset E$ we have $N \in \mathcal{F}$
- for M and N in \mathcal{F} we have $M \cap N \in \mathcal{F}$

Definition

A filter \mathcal{F} on E is said to be **free** if $\bigcap_{M \in \mathcal{F}} M = \emptyset$.

Ideals

Definition

Let E be a set. A set \mathcal{I} of subsets of E is called an **ideal** si

- $E \notin \mathcal{I}$
- for $N \in \mathcal{I}$ and $M \subset N$ we have $M \in \mathcal{I}$
- for M and N in \mathcal{I} we have $M \cup N \in \mathcal{I}$

Associating an ideal to a filter

Let \mathcal{F} be a filter on the set E . Then the set \mathcal{F}^* of complements in E of members of \mathcal{F} is an ideal called associated to \mathcal{F} :

$$\mathcal{F}^* = \{E \setminus M : M \in \mathcal{F}\}$$

Clearly \mathcal{F} and \mathcal{F}^* are disjoint.

The Fréchet filter

In the sequel the domains of the filters will always be countable and most often equal to ω . And all filters will be free.

Example

The set of cofinite subsets of ω is a free filter \mathcal{N}_1 called the **Fréchet filter**.

So, for $M \subset \omega$:

$$M \in \mathcal{N}_1 \iff \exists p \forall q \geq p \quad q \in M$$

Katětov's Filters

If (\mathcal{F}_n) is a sequence of filters on a set D , one defines a filter \mathcal{F} on $\omega \times D$ by

$$M \in \mathcal{F} \iff \exists p \forall n \geq p \quad M(n) \in \mathcal{F}_n$$

where $M(n) = \{i \in D : (n, i) \in M\}$.

This means that $\{n \in \omega : M(n) \in \mathcal{F}_n\}$ is in \mathcal{N}_1 .

In particular, if $D = \omega$ and $\mathcal{F}_n = \mathcal{N}_1$ for all n , this construction yields the filter \mathcal{N}_2 : a subset M of $\omega \times \omega$ belongs to \mathcal{N}_2 iff

$$\exists p_0 \forall p \geq p_0 \exists q_0 \forall q \geq q_0 \quad (p, q) \in M$$

And repeating (transfinitely) this operation, one defines

Katětov's filters \mathcal{N}_ξ .

Limit along a filter

Let E be a set, \mathcal{F} a filter on E , X a topological space and f a mapping from E to X .

Definition

We say that \mathcal{F} converges to $a \in X$ along \mathcal{F} if for all neighborhood V of a , $f^{-1}(V) \in \mathcal{F}$.

In particular if \mathcal{F} is a filter on ω , and (x_n) a sequence in X , we say that it **converges to a along \mathcal{F}** if the mapping $n \mapsto x_n$ converges to a along \mathcal{F} .

Limit along a filter

A sequence which converges to a along \mathcal{N}_1 is a sequence which converges to a in the common sense.

If $(x_{p,q})$ is a (double) sequence of points of the space X such that $x_p = \lim_{q \rightarrow \infty} x_{p,q}$ exists for each p and (x_p) converges to a , then $(x_{p,q})$ converges to a along \mathcal{N}_2 .

One should notice that this condition is **not necessary** for the convergence of the sequence to a along \mathcal{N}_2 .

Limit of a sequence of functions

Let \mathcal{F} be a filter on ω and (f_n) a sequence of functions :
 $X \rightarrow Y$.

We say that the sequence (f_n) converges along \mathcal{F} to the function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ if for all $x \in X$, the sequence $(f_n(x))$ converges to $f(x)$ along \mathcal{F} .

Borel Sets

All spaces under consideration will be metrizable and separable.

Recall that a **Polish space** is a separable space whose topology can be defined by a complete metric.

If X is a topological space the least σ -algebra of subsets of X containing all open sets is called the Borel σ -algebra of X , and its members are called the Borel subsets of X .

Classification of Borel sets

Let X be a separable metrizable space. We define classes of Borel sets by induction on the countable ordinal ξ :

$\Sigma_1^0(X)$ is the set of open sets in X , and $\Pi_1^0(X)$ is the set of closed sets in X

$\Sigma_\xi^0(X)$ is the set of all countable unions $\bigcup_{n \in \omega} A_n$ where each A_n belongs to $\bigcup_{\eta < \xi} \Pi_\eta^0(X)$.

$\Pi_\xi^0(X)$ is the set of all countable intersections $\bigcap_{n \in \omega} A_n$ where each A_n belongs to $\bigcup_{\eta < \xi} \Sigma_\eta^0(X)$.

It is clear that for all $\xi < \omega_1$ the Π_ξ^0 sets are the complements in X of the Σ_ξ^0 sets.

$\Delta_\xi^0(X)$ is the set of all subsets of X which are both Σ_ξ^0 and Π_ξ^0 .

Classification of Borel sets

Theorem

If $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is continuous and $A \in \Sigma_{\xi}^0(Y)$ (resp. $\Pi_{\xi}^0(Y)$, $\Delta_{\xi}^0(Y)$), then $f^{-1}(A)$ is in $\Sigma_{\xi}^0(X)$ (resp. $\Pi_{\xi}^0(X)$, $\Delta_{\xi}^0(X)$).

This is true for $\xi = 1$ by definition of the continuity, and clear by induction on ξ .

Analytic sets

Definition

A space X is called **analytic** if it is the continuous image of some Polish space.

It is clear that the continuous image of an analytic space is analytic too.

Theorem

A Borel subset of an analytic space is itself an analytic space.

Analytic sets

For a Polish space X we denote by $\Sigma_1^1(X)$ the class of analytic subsets of X .

Theorem

If X is analytic, $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is continuous and $A \in \Sigma_1^1(Y)$ then $f^{-1}(A)$ is in $\Sigma_1^1(X)$.

The Separation theorem

The most important result (at least here) about analytic sets is the following separation theorem ;

Theorem (Luzin - Suslin)

If A_0 and A_1 are two disjoint analytic subsets of the space X , there exists a Borel subset B of X which separates A_0 from A_1 (it is $A_0 \subset B$ and $A_1 \subset B^c$).

Corollary

If A is an analytic subset of X such that $X \setminus A$ is also analytic, then A is Borel.

Borel functions

A function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ will be said to be **Borel of class ξ** if $f^{-1}(U) \in \Sigma_{1+\xi}^0(X)$ for every open subset U of Y (equivalently for every open set in a countable basis).

We shall denote by $B_\xi(X, Y)$ the set of Borel functions of class ξ from X to Y . In particular $B_0(X, Y)$ is the set of continuous functions.

Notice that this is **not the common definition** of the Baire class of a Borel function.

For all Borel function $f : X \rightarrow Y$, there is a $\xi \in \omega_1$ such that $f \in B_\xi(X, Y)$.

Borel functions

Theorem

If X and Y are Polish spaces and $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is a Borel function, then its graph G is a Borel subset of $X \times Y$.

Let (U_n) be a basis of the topology of Y . Then

$$G = \bigcap_n [(f^{-1}(U_n) \times U_n) \cup (X \times U_n^c)]$$

Theorem

If X and Y are Polish spaces and $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is a function, then f is Borel if and only if its graph is an analytic subset of $X \times Y$.

Limits of Borel functions

If the sequence (f_n) of Borel functions of class ξ from X to Y converges pointwise to a function f , then f is of class $\xi + 1$.
Moreover if λ is a limit ordinal, if each f_n is of class $< \lambda$ and if the sequence (f_n) converges pointwise to f , then f is of class $\lambda + 1$.

Conversely, if $\xi > 1$, or $Y = \mathbb{R}$, or $\dim(X) = 0$, every Borel function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ of class $\xi + 1$ is the pointwise limit of a sequence of Borel functions of class ξ .

And for limit λ , every f of class $\lambda + 1$ is the pointwise limit of a sequence of Borel functions of classes $< \lambda$.

Limits of Borel functions

The set $C_\xi(X, \mathbb{R})$ of real functions of Baire class ξ is inductively defined as the set of pointwise limits of sequences of functions of Baire classes $< \xi$.

Then, by Lebesgue-Hausdorff theorem we have

$C_n(X, \mathbb{R}) = B_n(X, \mathbb{R})$ for $n \in \omega$, and $C_\xi(X, \mathbb{R}) = B_{\xi+1}(X, \mathbb{R})$ for infinite ξ .

Analytic filters

Identifying the set $\mathcal{P}(E)$ of subsets of the countable set E to the product space $\{0, 1\}^E$, we equip $\mathcal{P}(E)$ with a compact metrizable topology. A filter \mathcal{F} is then said to be analytic, Borel, Σ_ξ^0 , ..., if \mathcal{F} is analytic, Borel, Σ_ξ^0 , ..., as a subset of the compact space $\mathcal{P}(E)$.

Theorem

If the sequence (f_n) of continuous functions $: X \rightarrow Y$ converges to f along an analytic filter \mathcal{F} , then the function f is Borel.

Analytic filters

Theorem

Let \mathcal{F} be an analytic free filter on E . Then \mathcal{F} is meager as a subset of $\mathcal{P}(E)$.

If not, \mathcal{F} , which has the Baire property, would be co-meager on a basic open set $U_{I,J} = \{M : I \subset M \text{ and } M \cap J = \emptyset\}$ (where I and J are finite subsets of E). The mapping $\sigma : M \mapsto E \setminus M$ is an auto-homeomorphism of $\mathcal{P}(E)$. Thus \mathcal{F}^* would be co-meager on $\sigma(U_{I,J}) = U_{J,I}$.

The mapping $\tau : M \mapsto M \Delta (I \cup J)$ is also an auto-homeomorphism of $\mathcal{P}(E)$, and $\tau(\mathcal{F}) = \mathcal{F}$. Hence $\tau(\mathcal{F})$ is co-meager on $\tau(U_{I,J}) = U_{J,I}$. And $\mathcal{F} \cap \mathcal{F}^*$ would be co-meager on $U_{J,I}$, a contradiction. □

An involution on $\mathcal{P}(E)$

The mapping $\sigma : M \mapsto E \setminus M$ is an auto-homeomorphism of $\mathcal{P}(E)$. It follows that \mathcal{F}^* is analytic if and only if so is \mathcal{F} , and that if \mathcal{F} is Borel then \mathcal{F}^* is Borel of the same class.

It follows also that if there is a Σ_ξ^0 set C which separates \mathcal{F} from \mathcal{F}^* , the set $C^* = \sigma(C)$ is a Σ_ξ^0 set separating \mathcal{F}^* from \mathcal{F} , thus that $\mathcal{P}(E) \setminus C^*$ is a Π_ξ^0 set separating \mathcal{F} from \mathcal{F}^* .

Separating sets

Let \mathcal{F} be an analytic filter. There exists a Borel set separating \mathcal{F} from \mathcal{F}^* , hence a countable ordinal ξ for which exists some $\Sigma_{1+\xi}^0$ set C separating \mathcal{F} from \mathcal{F}^* . There exists then a $\Pi_{1+\xi}^0$ subset C' of $\mathcal{P}(E)$, which separates \mathcal{F} from \mathcal{F}^* .

Theorem

Let $\xi \geq 1$ and \mathcal{F} be a filter on ω . If there is a $\Sigma_{1+\xi}^0$ set C which separates \mathcal{F} from \mathcal{F}^ , every \mathcal{F} -limit of a sequence of continuous functions $f_n : X \rightarrow Y$ is Borel of class ξ .*

Separating sets

Assume first that X is 0-dimensional. We can replace the continuous functions (f_n) by locally constant functions (g_n) such that $d(f_n(x), g_n(x)) \leq 2^{-n}$ for all $x \in X$.

If $U \subset Y$ is an open subset, there are open sets V_ρ in Y such that $\overline{V_\rho} \subset U$ and $U = \bigcup_\rho V_\rho$.

Then, letting $\Phi_\rho(x) = \{n : g_n(x) \in V_\rho\}$, Φ_ρ is continuous and we get

$$f^{-1}(U) = \bigcup_\rho \Phi_\rho^{-1}(S)$$

hence $f^{-1}(U) \in \Sigma_{1+\xi}^0$, and $f \in B_\xi(X, Y)$.

Separating sets

In the general case we can assume X is Polish. Then there exists a 0-dimensional Polish space X_0 and a continuous **open** and onto mapping $\pi : X_0 \rightarrow X$. We have $f_{n \circ \pi} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} f \circ \pi$, and $f \circ \pi$ is of class ξ .

Theorem

Let X and X_0 be Polish spaces, $\pi : X_0 \rightarrow X$ be continuous, open and onto, and $g : X_0 \rightarrow Y$ be Borel of class $\xi \geq 1$. Then there is a Baire-1 section $s : X \rightarrow X_0$ of π such that $g \circ s$ be of class ξ .

Take $g = f \circ \pi$. Then $g \circ s = f \circ \pi \circ s = f$ is of class ξ . □

Separating sets

From now on we will denote by $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{F}}(X)$ the set of real functions on X that are \mathcal{F} -limits of a sequence of continuous functions.

So $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{F}}(X) \subset B_{\xi}(X, \mathbb{R})$ whenever $\Sigma_{1+\xi}^0$ separates \mathcal{F} from \mathcal{F}^* .

Analytic Filters II

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Games

We consider games of the following kind : A and B are (countable) sets and two players play alternatively elements a_n of A and b_n of B :

I	II
a_0	b_0
a_1	b_1
a_2	b_2
\dots	\dots
a_n	b_n
\dots	\dots

Games

Player I (resp. Player II) constructs this way $\alpha = (a_n) \in A^\omega$ (resp. $\beta = (b_n) \in B^\omega$). A subset P of $A^\omega \times B^\omega$ is given, and Player I wins the run iff $(\alpha, \beta) \in P$. Else Player II wins the run.

Definition

A **strategy** for Player I is a mapping $\sigma : B^{<\omega} \rightarrow A$. We say that Player I follows the strategy σ in a run $((a_n), (b_n))$ iff for all $n \geq 0$, $a_n = \sigma(\langle b_0, b_1, \dots, b_{n-1} \rangle)$.

Definition

The strategy σ for Player I is said to be **winning** if every run following σ is won by Player I.

Games

We define in the same way the notion of (winning) strategy for Player II.

Definition

A **strategy** for Player II is a mapping $\tau : A^{<\omega} \rightarrow B$. We say that Player II follows the strategy τ in a run $((a_n), (b_n))$ iff for all $n \geq 0$, $b_n = \tau(\langle a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle)$.

Definition

The strategy τ for Player II is said to be **winning** if every run following τ is won by Player II.

Player I and Player II cannot have both a winning strategy : if not there would be a run compatible with both strategies, and it would be won simultaneously by both players, a contradiction.

Determinacy

Definition

A game is said to be **determined** if one of the players has a winning strategy.

The game defined by $P \subset A^\omega \times B^\omega$ is said to be Borel if P is a Borel subset of $A^\omega \times B^\omega$.

Theorem (D.A. Martin)

All Borel games are determined.

Wadge games

Let Z be a Borel subset of A^ω , X and Y be disjoint Borel subsets of B^ω .

In the Wadge game $W(Z; X, Y)$, Player I plays $\alpha \in A^\omega$, Player II plays $\beta \in B^\omega$ and Player II wins the run iff

$$\alpha \in Z \implies \beta \in X \quad \wedge \quad \alpha \notin Z \implies \beta \in Y$$

it is

$$(\alpha, \beta) \in (Z \times X) \cup (Z^c \times Y)$$

This game is clearly Borel, hence determined.

Wadge games

Theorem

If Player II has a winning strategy in the Wadge game $W(Z; X, Y)$, there exists a continuous function $f : A^\omega \rightarrow B^\omega$ such that $f(Z) \subset X$ and $f(Z^c) \subset Y$.

We then say that the function f **reduces Z to the pair (X, Y)** . If $Y = X^c$ we say that f reduces Z to X .

Wadge games

Theorem

If Player I has a winning strategy in the Wadge game $W(Z; X, Y)$ and Z is Π_ξ^0 in A^ω , there exists a Σ_ξ^0 set S in B^ω which separates X from Y .

If X and Y are analytic disjoint subsets of B^ω , the Wadge game $W(Z; X, Y)$ is no longer Borel. But one can prove that it is still determined and the previous two theorems remain valid.

The class Δ_ξ^0

Theorem

If $\xi \geq 2$ and $S \in \Delta_\xi^0(2^\omega)$, there exists $Z \in \Delta_\xi^0(2^\omega)$ such that no continuous function $f : 2^\omega \rightarrow 2^\omega$ reduces Z to S .

Suppose this is false.

Since the space $\mathcal{C}(2^\omega, 2^\omega)$ of continuous functions from 2^ω to itself is Polish (when equipped with the uniform topology), there is a Π_2^0 subset G of 2^ω and a continuous onto mapping

$\varphi : G \rightarrow \mathcal{C}(2^\omega, 2^\omega)$.

Then the sets $X = \{(\alpha, \beta) \in 2^\omega \times 2^\omega : \alpha \in G \text{ and } \varphi(\alpha)(\beta) \in S\}$ and $Y = \{(\alpha, \beta) \in 2^\omega \times 2^\omega : \alpha \in G \text{ and } \varphi(\alpha)(\beta) \in S^c\}$ are both Π_ξ^0 and disjoint. Thus they are separated by a Δ_ξ^0 set $H \subset 2^\omega \times 2^\omega$.

The class Δ_ξ^0

Claim

The set H is Δ_ξ^0 -universal.

Let Z be a Δ_ξ^0 subset of 2^ω . There is a continuous function f such that $Z = f^{-1}(S)$, hence an $\alpha \in G$ such that $f = \varphi(\alpha)$. Then

$$H(\alpha) := \{\beta : (\alpha, \beta) \in H\} \supset \{\beta : f(\beta) \in S\} = Z$$

and

$$H(\alpha)^c := \{\beta : (\alpha, \beta) \in H^c\} \supset \{\beta : f(\beta) \in S^c\} = Z^c$$

i.e. $H(\alpha) = Z$.

The class Δ_ξ^0

Claim

There is no Δ_ξ^0 -universal set.

Suppose $H \subset 2^\omega \times 2^\omega$ is Δ_ξ^0 -universal. Consider $D = \{\alpha : (\alpha, \alpha) \in H^c\}$. Then D is Δ_ξ^0 , and there is an α^* such that $D = H(\alpha^*)$. Then we have

$$\alpha^* \notin D \iff (\alpha^*, \alpha^*) \in H \iff \alpha^* \in H(\alpha^*) \iff \alpha^* \in D$$

a contradiction. □

Rank of an analytic filter

Recall that $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{F}}(X)$ denotes the set of real functions on X which are limit along \mathcal{F} of a sequence of continuous functions.

Theorem

Let \mathcal{F} be a filter on ω , X a 0-dimensional space and Z a Borel subset of X . Then $\mathbb{1}_Z \in \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{F}}(X)$ if and only if Z is reducible to the pair $(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{F}^)$ in $\mathcal{P}(\omega) \simeq 2^\omega$.*

Corollary

If moreover $\mathbb{1}_Z \in \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{F}}(X)$ and S separates \mathcal{F} from \mathcal{F}^ , then Z is reducible to S .*

Rank of an analytic filter

Lemma

Let X be a 0-dimensional space and \mathcal{F} be a Σ_1^1 filter on ω . If for some $\eta < \xi$ no $\Sigma_{1+\eta}^0$ subset of $\mathcal{P}(\omega)$ separates \mathcal{F} from \mathcal{F}^* , then for each $Z \in \Pi_{1+\eta}^0(X)$, $\mathbb{1}_Z$ belongs to $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{F}}(X)$.

Lemma

Let \mathcal{F} be a Σ_1^1 filter on ω . If $\mathbb{1}_Z \in \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{F}}(X)$ for all $\eta < \xi$ and all $Z \in \Pi_{1+\eta}^0(X)$, then for each $Z \in \Delta_{1+\xi}^0(X)$, $\mathbb{1}_Z$ belongs to $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{F}}(X)$.

Rank of an analytic filter

Theorem

Let X be a 0-dimensional space and \mathcal{F} be a Σ_1^1 filter on ω . If for all $\eta < \xi$ no $\Sigma_{1+\eta}^0$ subset of $\mathcal{P}(\omega)$ separates \mathcal{F} from \mathcal{F}^ , then every function $f \in B_\xi(X, \mathbb{R})$ is \mathcal{F} -limit of a sequence of real continuous functions on X .*

We then have

$$B_\xi(X, \mathbb{R}) \subset \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{F}}(X)$$

Rank of an analytic filter

Definition

We call **rank** of the analytic filter \mathcal{F} the least ordinal ξ for which \mathcal{F} is separated from \mathcal{F}^* by a $\Sigma_{1+\xi}^0$ set.

It follows from what precedes that the \mathcal{F} -limits of sequences of real continuous functions (on a 0-dimensional space) are exactly the real Borel functions of class $\text{rk}(\mathcal{F})$

Rank of an analytic filter

Filters of rank 0 are the non-free filters.

Theorem

The rank of \mathcal{N}_1 is 1.

Every Baire-1 function is limit of continuous functions along \mathcal{N}_1 , hence $\text{rk}(\mathcal{N}_1) \geq 1$.

\mathcal{N}_1 is Σ_2^0 and separates \mathcal{N}_1 from \mathcal{N}_1^* , hence $\text{rk}(\mathcal{N}_1) \leq 1$.

Rank of an analytic filter

Theorem

The rank of \mathcal{N}_2 is 2.

Since every real Baire-2 function φ can be written as $\lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \varphi_p$ where φ_p is Baire-1, hence $\varphi_p = \lim_{q \rightarrow \infty} \varphi_{p,q}$ with $\varphi_{p,q}$ continuous, one has $\varphi_{p,q} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{N}_2} \varphi$, thus $\text{rk}(\mathcal{N}_2) \geq 2$. Moreover, the set

$$S = \{M \subset \omega^2 : \exists n \forall p \geq n \forall m \exists q \geq m \ (p, q) \in M\}$$

is Σ_3^0 and separates \mathcal{N}_2 from \mathcal{N}_2^* , hence $\text{rk}(\mathcal{N}_2) \leq 2$.

More generally, for every countable ordinal ξ there are Borel filters of rank ξ . In particular, \mathcal{N}_ξ has rank ξ for finite ξ , and rank $\xi + 1$ for infinite ξ .

Rank of an analytic filter

Theorem

If \mathcal{F} is an analytic filter of rank $\xi \geq 1$ on ω , no $\Delta_{1+\xi}^0$ subset of $\mathcal{P}(\omega)$ can separate \mathcal{F} from \mathcal{F}^ .*

If S were a $\Delta_{1+\xi}^0$ subset of $\mathcal{P}(\omega)$ separating \mathcal{F} from \mathcal{F}^* , every $\Delta_{1+\xi}^0$ subset Z of 2^ω would satisfy $\mathbb{1}_Z \in \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{F}}(2^\omega)$, hence would be reducible to S . And this is impossible. \square

Refining of analytic filters

Theorem

If \mathcal{F} and \mathcal{G} are analytic filters and if \mathcal{G} is finer than \mathcal{F} (it is $\mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{G}$), then $\text{rk}(\mathcal{F}) \leq \text{rk}(\mathcal{G})$.

Theorem

If \mathcal{F} is an analytic filter of rank ξ , there exists a Borel filter \mathcal{G} finer than \mathcal{F} which is also of rank ξ .

Analytic Filters III

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Katětov's ordering

We define on the filters with countable domain an ordering \leq_κ (called Katětov's ordering) such that for every set H of continuous functions all \mathcal{F} -limit of a sequence of elements of H be \mathcal{G} -limit of a sequence of elements of H as soon as $\mathcal{F} \leq_\kappa \mathcal{G}$

Definition

We say that $\mathcal{F} \leq_\kappa \mathcal{G}$ if there is a mapping $g : \text{dom}(\mathcal{G}) \rightarrow \text{dom}(\mathcal{F})$ such that

$$\forall M \in \mathcal{F} \quad g^{-1}(M) \in \mathcal{G}$$

(or equivalently $\forall M \in \mathcal{F}^* \quad g^{-1}(M) \in \mathcal{G}^*$).

$$\varphi \xrightarrow[n, \mathcal{F}]{} \varphi \implies \varphi \xrightarrow[g(m), \mathcal{G}]{} \varphi$$

Katětov's ordering

If \mathcal{F} and \mathcal{G} have the same domain and if \mathcal{G} is finer than \mathcal{F} (i. e. $\mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{G}$), we have $\mathcal{F} \leq_{\kappa} \mathcal{G}$ (take $g = Id$).

Theorem

If $\mathcal{F} \leq_{\kappa} \mathcal{G}$ then $\text{rk}(\mathcal{F}) \leq \text{rk}(\mathcal{G})$.

For $\xi = \text{rk}(\mathcal{F})$ we have

$$B_{\xi}(2^{\omega}, \mathbb{R}) = \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{F}}(2^{\omega}) \subset \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{G}}(2^{\omega})$$

hence $\text{rk}(\mathcal{G}) \geq \xi$.

Greatest lower bound

Theorem

If \mathcal{F} and \mathcal{G} are two filters with countable domains D and E , there exists a filter \mathcal{H} such that $\mathcal{H} \leq_{\kappa} \mathcal{F}$ and $\mathcal{H} \leq_{\kappa} \mathcal{G}$ and that every such \mathcal{H}' satisfies $\mathcal{H}' \leq_{\kappa} \mathcal{H}$

Take $C = D \dot{\cup} E$ the disjoint sum of D and E , and define

$$\mathcal{H} = \{M \subset C : M \cap D \in \mathcal{F} \text{ and } M \cap E \in \mathcal{G}\}$$

Clearly $\mathcal{F} \wedge \mathcal{G} = \mathcal{H}$ is Borel if so are \mathcal{F} and \mathcal{G} . And

$$\text{rk}(\mathcal{H}) = \min(\text{rk}(\mathcal{F}), \text{rk}(\mathcal{G}))$$

Least upper bound

Theorem

If \mathcal{F} and \mathcal{G} are two filters with countable domains D and E , there exists a filter \mathcal{H} such that $\mathcal{F} \leq_\kappa \mathcal{H}$ and $\mathcal{G} \leq_\kappa \mathcal{H}$ and that every such \mathcal{H}' satisfies $\mathcal{H} \leq_\kappa \mathcal{H}'$.

Take $C = D \times E$ and define \mathcal{H} as the filter on C generated by the set

$$\{M \times N : M \in \mathcal{F} \text{ and } N \in \mathcal{G}\}$$

Clearly $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{F} \vee \mathcal{G}$ is Σ_1^1 if so are \mathcal{F} and \mathcal{G} .

Question

If \mathcal{F} and \mathcal{G} are Borel, is $\mathcal{F} \vee \mathcal{G}$ Borel too ?

Least upper bound

Question

If \mathcal{F} and \mathcal{G} are two filters with countable domains does the equality

$$\text{rk}(\mathcal{F} \vee \mathcal{G}) = \max(\text{rk}(\mathcal{F}), \text{rk}(\mathcal{G}))$$

hold ?

Theorem

If \mathcal{F} and \mathcal{G} are both of rank 1, then $\mathcal{F} \vee \mathcal{G}$ is of rank 1.

Comparison of filters of rank 1

Since $\text{rk}(\mathcal{F}) \leq \text{rk}(\mathcal{G})$ when $\mathcal{F} \leq_{\kappa} \mathcal{G}$, a (naive) question is :

Question

Does the reverse implication

$$\text{rk}(\mathcal{F}) \leq \text{rk}(\mathcal{G}) \implies \mathcal{F} \leq_{\kappa} \mathcal{G}$$

hold?

In fact the answer is negative. Even on the set of filters of rank 1, Katětov's ordering is very complicated.

Comparison of filters of rank 1

Theorem

There exists a mapping $S \mapsto \mathcal{F}_S$ defined on the set $\mathcal{P}(\omega)$ which assigns to each $S \subset \omega$ a Π_3^0 filter \mathcal{F}_S of rank 1 on ω such that

$$\mathcal{F}_S \leq_{\kappa} \mathcal{F}_T \iff S \subset^* T$$

(it is $S \setminus T$ is finite).

In particular, \mathcal{F}_S and \mathcal{F}_T are Katětov-equivalent if and only if S and T differ only by a finite set, though all filters \mathcal{F}_S have same rank.

Embedding of \mathcal{N}_1

Theorem

If \mathcal{F} is a filter of rank ≥ 1 (a free filter) with countable domain then $\mathcal{N}_1 \leq_{\kappa} \mathcal{F}$.

In fact, if $\varphi : D \rightarrow \omega$ is any enumeration of the domain D of \mathcal{F} and $M \in \mathcal{N}_1^*$ then $\varphi^{-1}(M)$ is finite in D hence belongs to \mathcal{F}^* : φ is a bijective Katětov-reduction of \mathcal{F} to \mathcal{N}_1 .

Diagonalization

Definition

Let D be a set and (M_k) a sequence of subsets of D . We shall say that N **diagonalizes** the sequence (M_k) if $M_k \setminus N$ is finite for all k (we shall write $M_k \subset^* N$).

Definition

Let \mathcal{F} be a filter on the set D and (M_k) a sequence of elements of the ideal \mathcal{F}^* . We shall say that (M_k) is **\mathcal{F} -diagonalizable** if there is some $N \notin \mathcal{F}$ which diagonalizes (M_k) .

Diagonalization

Theorem

Let \mathcal{F} be a filter on ω . Then $\mathcal{N}_2 \leq_{\kappa} \mathcal{F}$ if and only if there exists a sequence (M_k) of elements of \mathcal{F}^ which is not \mathcal{F} -diagonalizable.*

Filters of rank 2

Theorem

If \mathcal{F} is an analytic filter of rank ≥ 2 , we have $\mathcal{N}_2 \leq_{\kappa} \mathcal{F}$.

If \mathcal{F} has rank ≥ 2 , then there exists a continuous mapping $M : 2^{\omega} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\omega)$ such that

- if $\alpha \in \mathbb{Q} = \{z : \exists p \forall q \geq p \ z_q = 0\}$, then $M(\alpha) \in \mathcal{F}^*$,
- if $\alpha \in \mathbb{P} = 2^{\omega} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$, then $M(\alpha) \in \mathcal{F}$,

since $\mathbb{1}_{\mathbb{P}} \in B_2(2^{\omega})$ is \mathcal{F} -limit of continuous functions : $2^{\omega} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$. Then consider the countable family $(M(\alpha))_{\alpha \in \mathbb{Q}}$ of elements of \mathcal{F}^* . We claim that this family is not \mathcal{F} -diagonalizable.

Filters of rank 2

If not, let $N \notin \mathcal{F}$ be such that $M(\alpha) \subset^* N$ for all $\alpha \in \mathbb{Q}$: then $F = M(0) \cap N^c$ is finite. And replacing N by $N \cup F \notin \mathcal{F}$, we can assume $F = \emptyset$. Consider the compact set

$$E = \{(\alpha, \beta) \in 2^\omega \times 2^\omega : M(\alpha) \cap M(\beta) \cap N^c = \emptyset\}$$

and the two Π_2^0 sets

$$G_0 = \{(\alpha, \beta) \in E : \alpha \in \mathbb{P}\} \quad \text{and} \quad G_1 = \{(\alpha, \beta) \in E : \beta \in \mathbb{P}\}$$

Notice $E \neq \emptyset$ since $(0, 0) \in E$. We show that G_0 is dense in E .

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By symmetry, G_1 is dense in E too.

Then $G_0 \cap G_1$ is dense in E , hence non-empty.

We conclude that for $(\alpha, \beta) \in G_0 \cap G_1$ we have $M(\alpha) \in \mathcal{F}$,
 $M(\beta) \in \mathcal{F}$ and

$$N^c \cap M(\alpha) \cap M(\beta) = \emptyset$$

But then $N \supset M(\alpha) \cap M(\beta) \in \mathcal{F}$, a contradiction. □

Non 0-dimensional spaces

Let \mathcal{F} be an analytic filter of rank ξ on ω . If X is a 0-dimensional Polish space and $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ a function of Borel class ξ we proved

Theorem

There is a sequence (f_n) of continuous real functions on X which converges to f along \mathcal{F} .

But for general Polish spaces, it is an open question whether the above statement is still true. Nevertheless we have

Theorem

Let \mathcal{F} be an analytic filter of rank $\xi \leq 2$ on ω . Then there is a sequence (f_n) of continuous real functions on X which converges to f along \mathcal{F} .

And beyond rank 2 ?

A natural (but still open) question:

Question

Let \mathcal{F} be an analytic filter of rank $> \xi$, and \mathcal{K}_ξ be the Katětov's filter of rank $\xi + 1$. Does \mathcal{K}_ξ embed into \mathcal{F} ?

LUB of filters of rank 1

Theorem

Let \mathcal{F} and \mathcal{G} be filters on ω of rank 1. Then $\mathcal{F} \vee \mathcal{G}$ has rank 1.

Since $\text{rk}(\mathcal{F} \vee \mathcal{G}) \geq \text{rk}(\mathcal{F}) = 1$, it is enough to show $\text{rk}(\mathcal{F} \vee \mathcal{G}) \leq 1$. Assume by contradiction that $\text{rk}(\mathcal{F} \vee \mathcal{G}) \geq 2$. It should exist a non-diagonalizable sequence (C_n) in $(\mathcal{F} \vee \mathcal{G})^*$, hence (A_n) in \mathcal{F}^* and (B_n) in \mathcal{G}^* such that

$$C_n \subset (A_n \times \omega) \cup (\omega \times B_n)$$

Since $\text{rk}(\mathcal{F}) = \text{rk}(\mathcal{G}) < 2$, (A_n) and (B_n) are diagonalizable, and there are $A \notin \mathcal{F}$ and $B \notin \mathcal{G}$ such that $A_n \subset^* A$ and $B_n \subset^* B$ for each n .

LUB of filters of rank 1

Then $\mathcal{F}_1 = \{A^c \cap M : M \in \mathcal{F}\}$ on A^c and $\mathcal{G}_1 = \{B^c \cap N : N \in \mathcal{G}\}$ on B^c are analytic filters.

Recall the following :

Theorem (Godefroy - Talagrand)

Let \mathcal{H} be an meager filter on ω . Then there exists a finite-to-one mapping $h : \omega \rightarrow \omega$ such that $h(\mathcal{H}) = \mathcal{N}_1$.

This applies in particular to every analytic free filter \mathcal{F} , since every such filter is meager.

LUB of filters of rank 1

Choose $h : B^c \rightarrow A^c$ finite-to-one such that

$$\forall N \in \mathcal{G} \quad h(B^c \cap N) \text{ is co-finite in } A^c$$

and define

$$C = (\omega \times \omega) \setminus \{(p, q) \in A^c \times B^c : p = h(q)\}$$

Then

- $\forall n \quad (A_n \times \omega) \setminus C$ is finite.
- $\forall n \quad (\omega \times B_n) \setminus C$ is finite.
- $\forall M \in \mathcal{F} \quad \forall N \in \mathcal{G} \quad M \times N \not\subseteq C$.

So C diagonalizes (C_n) but $C \notin \mathcal{F} \vee \mathcal{G}$, a contradiction. □