

Generic objects in topology and functional analysis

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Furthermore, for each $a \in \text{Obj}(\mathcal{K})$ there is an *identity* $\text{id}_a \in \mathcal{K}(a, a)$ satisfying $\text{id}_a \circ g = g$ and $f \circ \text{id}_a = f$ for $f \in \mathcal{K}(a, x)$, $g \in \mathcal{K}(y, a)$, $x, y \in \text{Obj}(\mathcal{K})$.

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The result of a play is a sequence \vec{a} :

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Then the Urysohn space \mathbb{U} is $\mathfrak{M}_{\text{fin}}$ -generic.

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Key Lemma (Solecki & K.)

Let X, Y be finite-dimensional normed spaces, let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be an ε -isometry with $0 < \varepsilon < 1$. Then there exist a finite-dimensional normed space Z and isometric embeddings $i: X \rightarrow Z, j: Y \rightarrow Z$ such that

$$\|i - j \circ f\| \leq \varepsilon.$$

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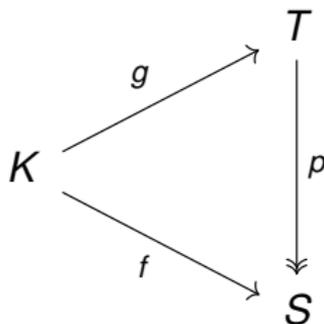
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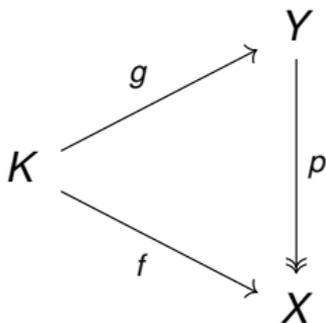
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Corollary (Knaster & Reichbach 1953)

Let $h: A \rightarrow B$ be a homeomorphism between closed nowhere dense subsets of 2^ω . Then there exists a homeomorphism $H: 2^\omega \rightarrow 2^\omega$ such that

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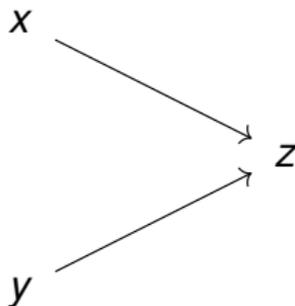
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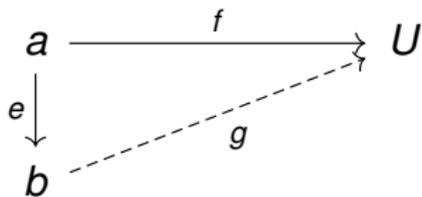
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Theorem (Fraïssé 1954)

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- (a) U is the Fraïssé limit of \mathfrak{K} .
- (b) Every \mathfrak{K} -object embeds into U and for every embeddings $e: a \rightarrow b$, $f: a \rightarrow U$ with $a, b \in \text{Obj}(\mathfrak{K})$ there exists an embedding $g: b \rightarrow U$ such that $f = g \circ e$.



Fact

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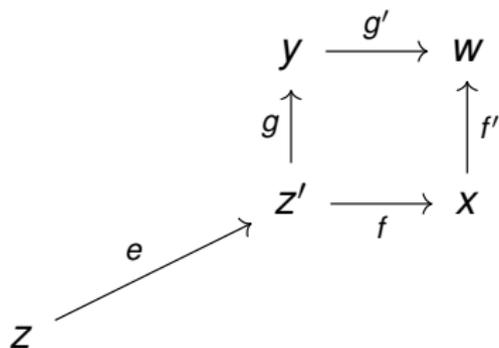
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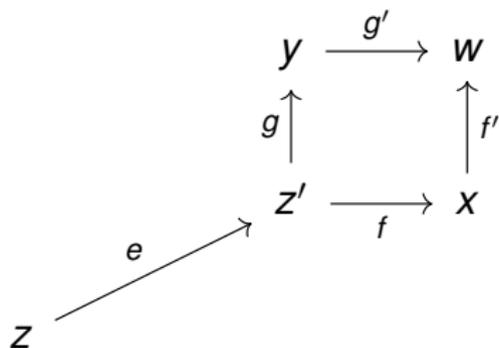
Definition (Ivanov, 1999)

We say that \mathfrak{K} has the **weak amalgamation property (WAP)** if for every $z \in \text{Obj}(\mathfrak{K})$ there is a \mathfrak{K} -arrow $e: z \rightarrow z'$ such that for every \mathfrak{K} -arrows $f: z' \rightarrow X$, $g: z' \rightarrow y$ there exist \mathfrak{K} -arrows $f': x \rightarrow w$, $g': y \rightarrow w$ such that $f' \circ f \circ e = g' \circ g \circ e$.

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Let \mathfrak{K} be as above and let U be a countably generated model. The following properties are equivalent:

- (a) U is \mathfrak{K} -generic.
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A more concrete setup

We assume that \mathcal{K} is a full subcategory of \mathcal{L} and the following conditions are satisfied.

- (L0) All \mathcal{L} -arrows are monic.
- (L1) Every \mathcal{L} -object is the co-limit of a sequence in \mathcal{K} .
- (L2) Every sequence in \mathcal{K} has a co-limit in \mathcal{L} .
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Remark

If there exists a weakly \mathfrak{K} -injective object then \mathfrak{K} is directed and has the WAP.

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