

Appendix to Sect. 6d: Better proof of “no isomorphism”.¹

The complete partially ordered set (in fact, Boolean algebra) BP / \sim satisfies the following condition:

There exists a countable set $S \subset \text{BP} / \sim$ such that every element of BP / \sim is the supremum of some subset of S .

Equivalently:

For every non-zero element of BP / \sim there exists a smaller non-zero element of S .

Proof. For every non-zero $[A] \in \text{BP} / \sim$ the open set $U(A)$ contains some rational interval. \square

In contrast, the set \mathcal{A}_m / \sim^m violates this condition, which follows easily from the following lemma (and the Baire category theorem).

Lemma. For every non-zero $[B] \in \mathcal{A}_m / \sim^m$ the set of $[A] \in \mathcal{A}_m / \sim^m$ such that $[A] \geq [B]$ is nowhere dense.

Proof. The function $[A] \mapsto m(B \setminus A)$ is continuous (in fact, Lipschitz) and vanishes whenever $[A] \geq [B]$. It is > 0 on a dense (open) set, since B contains measurable subsets of arbitrarily small measure. \square

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