

Also for S^*

EXAMPLE 2402. Connected components may not form a weak partition.

PROOF. Consider funcoid $1^{\text{FCD}(\mathbb{R})} \sqcup (\Delta \times^{\text{FCD}} \Delta)$ on real line. Then connected components are (prove!) non-zero singletons and Δ . It is not a weak partition. \square

CONJECTURE 2403. If the set of connected components is finite, then it is a strong partition. Moreover the set of connected components is a tearing.

Add more counter-examples (for non-principal filters).

OBVIOUS 2404. Improper filter $\perp^{\mathcal{F}}$ is connected regarding:

- 1°. every funcoid;
- 2°. every reloid.

PROPOSITION 2405. The only filter connected regarding

- 1°. $\perp^{\text{FCD}(A)}$;
- 2°. $\perp^{\text{RLD}(A)}$

is the improper filter $\perp^{\mathcal{F}}$.

PROOF.

- 1°. Let \mathcal{A} be a filter. Take $\mathcal{X} = \mathcal{Y} = \mathcal{A} \in \mathcal{F}(\text{Ob } \mu) \setminus \{\perp\}$. Then $\mathcal{X} \sqcup \mathcal{Y} = \mathcal{A}$ but not $\mathcal{X} [\mu] \mathcal{Y}$.
- 2°. $S_1^*(\perp^{\text{RLD}(A)}) = S_1(\perp^{\text{RLD}(A)}) = \perp^{\text{RLD}(A)}$. Thus the only connected filter is $\perp^{\mathcal{F}}$.

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PROPOSITION 2406. Connected filters regarding

- 1°. $1^{\text{FCD}(A)}$;
- 2°. $1^{\text{RLD}(A)}$

are exactly ultrafilters and the improper filter.

PROOF. 1. That ultrafilters are connected follows from the fact that for every non-least \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y} such that $\mathcal{X} \sqcup \mathcal{Y} = \mathcal{A}$ we have $\mathcal{X} = \mathcal{Y} = \mathcal{A}$ and thus $\mathcal{X} [1^{\text{FCD}(A)}] \mathcal{Y}$. So ultrafilters are connected; so is improper filter too, because improper filter is always connected.

It remains to prove that filters containing more than one distinct ultrafilter are not connected. Really let distinct ultrafilters $a, b \in \text{atoms } \mathcal{A}$. Then not $a [1^{\text{FCD}(A)}] b$. Thus \mathcal{A} is not connected.

2. A filter a is connected iff $S_1^*(1^{\text{RLD}(A)} \sqcap (a \times^{\text{RLD}} a)) \supseteq a \times^{\text{RLD}} a$ that is iff $S_1^*(\text{id}_a^{\text{RLD}}) \supseteq a \times^{\text{RLD}} a$,
 $\prod_{F \in \text{up } \text{id}_a^{\text{RLD}}} S_1(F) \supseteq a \times^{\text{RLD}} a$ what by properties of generalized filter bases is equivalent to $\prod_{A \in \text{up } a} S_1(\text{id}_A) \supseteq a \times^{\text{RLD}} a$; $\prod_{A \in \text{up } a} \text{id}_A \supseteq a \times^{\text{RLD}} a$; $\text{id}_a^{\text{RLD}} \supseteq a \times^{\text{RLD}} a$. This is true exactly for ultrafilters and the improper filter. \square

DEFINITION 2407. A *path* regarding funcoid μ is a tuple p_0, \dots, p_n ($n \in \mathbb{N}$) of atomic filters such that $p_i [\mu] p_{i+1}$ for every $i = 0, \dots, n-1$.

The number n is called *path length*.

A path is *between* atomic filters a and b iff $p_0 = a$ and $p_n = b$.

EXAMPLE 2408. $\mu \supseteq \text{id}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{FCD}}$ is not necessary for a filter \mathcal{A} to be connected regarding a funcoid μ . Moreover $\mu \supseteq 1^{\text{FCD}}$ is not necessary for a filter \top to be connected regarding a funcoid μ .