

# Regularity and Definability

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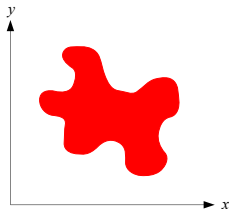
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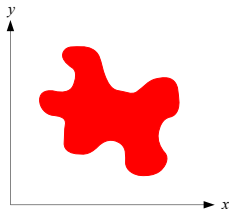
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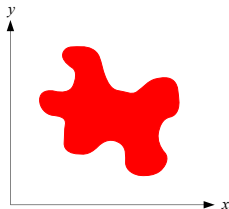
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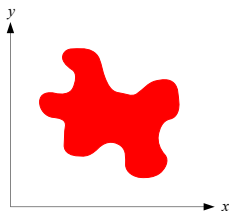
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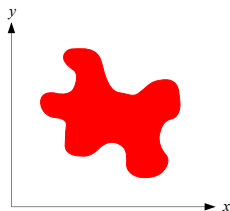
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Can naturally be extended to  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

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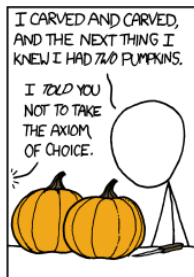
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Can we find an explicit example of a non-regular set? (and what does that even mean?)

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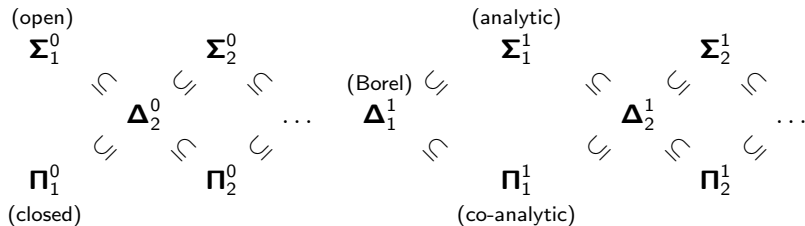
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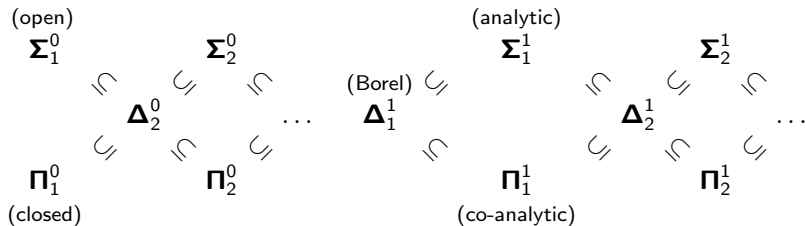
Relation with topology:

- $\Sigma_1^0 =$  open,
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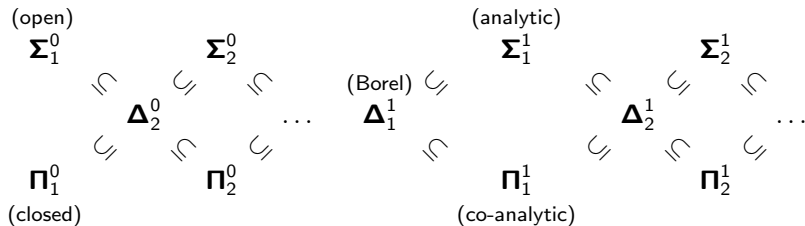


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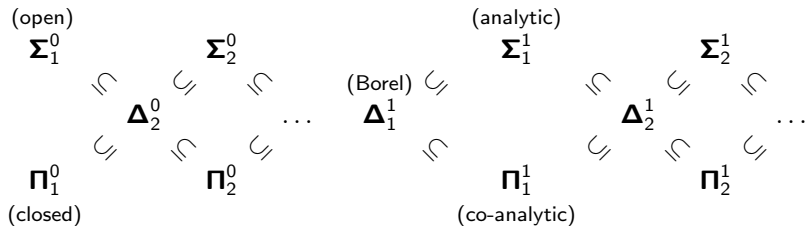
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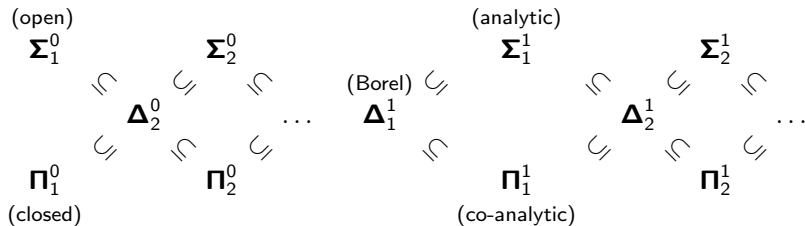
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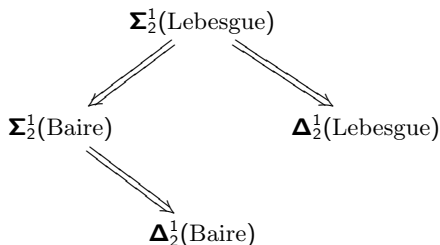
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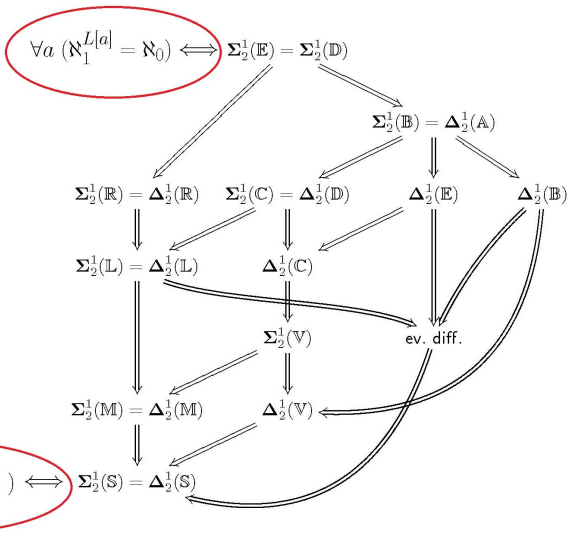
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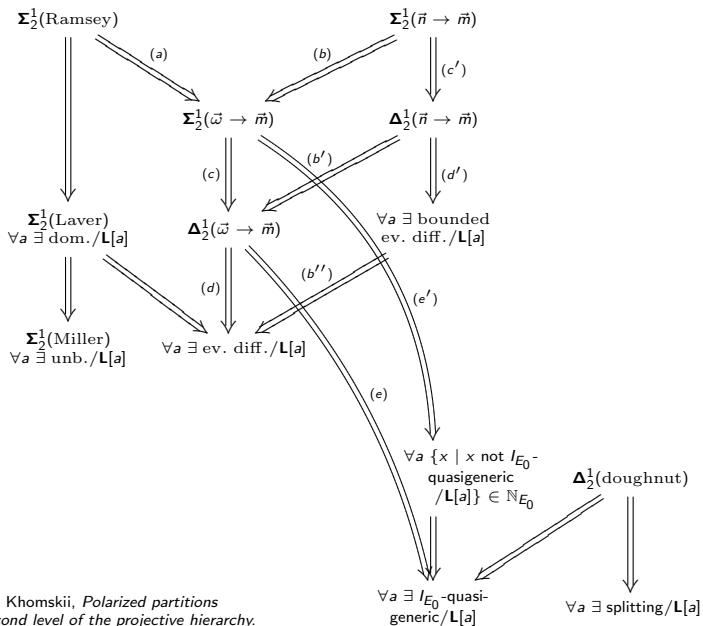
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Brendle & Löwe, *Eventually different functions and inaccessible cardinals*.



Brendle & Khomskii, *Polarized partitions on the second level of the projective hierarchy.*

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