Almost disjoint families and Banach spaces

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There is a lot of research done on the interplay between combinatorial properties of \mathscr{A} and topology of $\Psi_{\mathscr{A}}$ (or $K_{\mathscr{A}}$), see **Hrušák** [2014].

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- See also Magidor & P. [2017] for applications of almost disjoint families on ∞₂ to Banach space theory.

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For the second assertion: Every isomorphism $T: C(K_{\mathscr{A}}) \to C(K_{\mathscr{A}'})$ is determined by a sequence of measures μ_n on $K_{\mathscr{A}}$, where $\int g \, d\mu_n = Tg(n)$.

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- The Borel complexity of Z is reflected by ri(K_{A(Z)}) so there are AD families A(Z_ξ) for ξ < ω₁ such that C(K_{A(Z_ξ)}) are pairwise nonisomorphic.

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Theorem.

Under MA(ω_1), $C(K_{\mathscr{A}}) \simeq C(K_{\mathscr{A}'})$ whenever AD families $\mathscr{A}, \mathscr{A}'$ satisfy $|\mathscr{A}| = |\mathscr{A}'| = \omega_1$.

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Koszmider [2005] under MA, Koszmider & Laustsen [2021]

There is an uncountable AD family \mathscr{A} such that

- Every operator T : C(K_𝖉) → C(K_ℤ) is of the form T = c · I + S, where the range of S is contained in a subspace isomorphic to c₀;
- C(K_A) ≃ c₀ ⊕ C(K_A) is essentially the unique decomposition into a direct sum of infinitely dimensional summands.

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- Property (3) enables us to define a projection from C(L) onto θ°[C(K)] so C(L) = θ°[C(K)] ⊕ X.

Remark

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