

On the order bidual of $C(X)$

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Realcompact space: A Tychonoff space which is a closed subspace of some power of \mathbb{R} .

For every topological space X there is a unique realcompact κX so that $C(X)$ & $C(\kappa X)$ are (ring and lattice) isomorphic.

Preliminaries

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Categories of Vector Lattices

	OBJECTS	MORPHISMS
VL	Vector lattices	Lattice homomorphisms
NVL	Vector lattices	Normal lattice homomorphisms
IVL	Vector lattices	Interval preserving lattice homomorphisms
NIVL	Vector lattices	Normal, interval preserving lattice homomorphisms
TOP	Topological spaces	Continuous functions

Direct Limits

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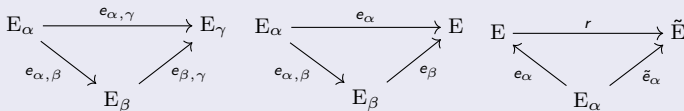
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Equivalently: Identify $M(K_\alpha)$ with the band $\{\mu \in M_c(X) : S_\mu \subseteq K_\alpha\}$ in $M_c(X)$ & $T_{\alpha,\beta}$, T_α with inclusions. Still, $\varinjlim M(K_\alpha) = M_c(X) = C(X)^{\sim}$.

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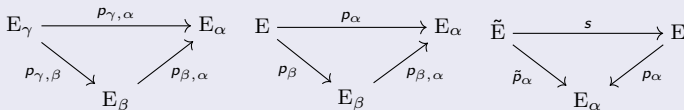
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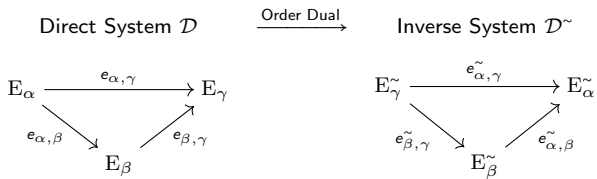
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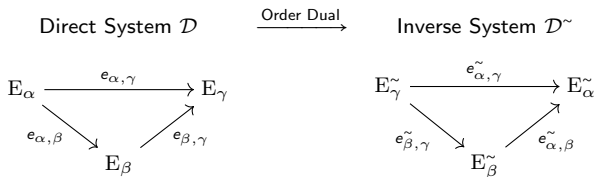
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