

Parametric Completeness for Separation Theories

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4. We show how to axiomatise validity in our hybrid system(s). Moreover, we do this such that completeness is **parametric** in the axioms defining separation theories.

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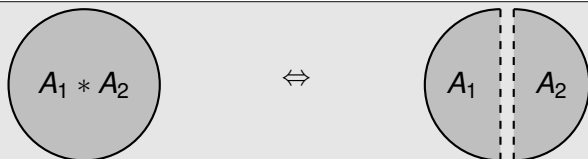
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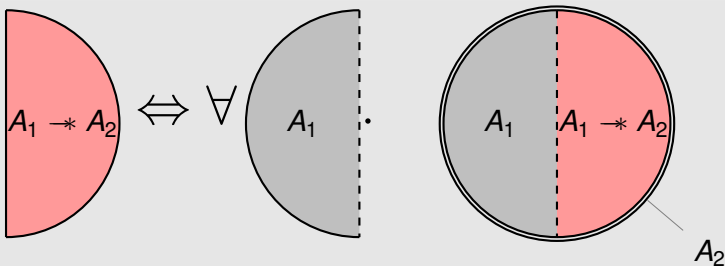
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Theorem

Galmiche and Larchey-Wendling 2006

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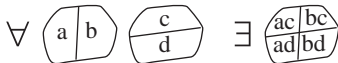
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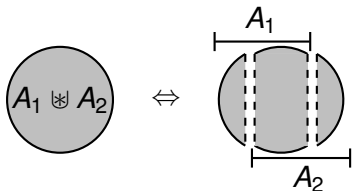
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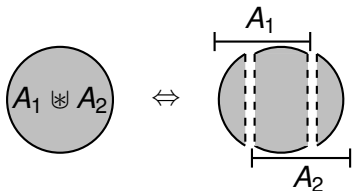
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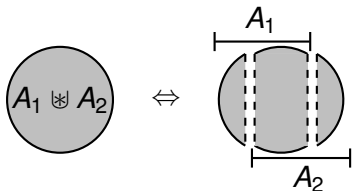
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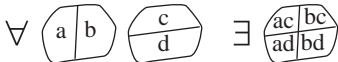
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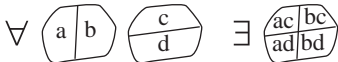
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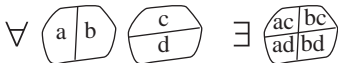


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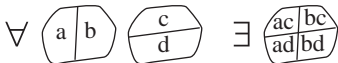
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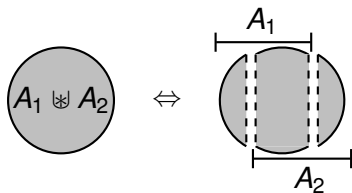
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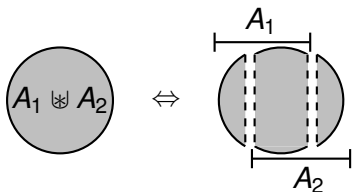
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