

Selectivity of ideals on countable sets

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An ultrafilter U on ω is *selective* if for every partition $\{A_n : n \in \omega\}$ of ω into sets not in U there is $S \in U$ such that $|S \cap A_n| = 1$ for every $n \in \omega$.

This well-known notion gives rise to a number of different selectivity properties of non-principal filters on ω (or equivalently: ideals on ω containing all its finite subsets). In particular, an ideal I on ω is:

- *selective* if for every partition $\{A_n : n \in \omega\}$ of ω such that no finite union of elements of the partition is in the dual filter of I there is $S \notin I$ such that $|S \cap A_n| = 1$ for every $n \in \omega$.
- *weakly selective* if for every partition $\{A_n : n \in \omega\}$ of ω such that no finite union of elements of which is in the dual filter of I and at most one element of the partition is not in I there is $S \notin I$ such that $|S \cap A_n| = 1$ for every $n \in \omega$.

Important examples of selective and weakly selective analytic ideals come from topological representations studied, among others, by Todorčević (in the case of selective ideals) and by Zapletal, Sabok and Kwela (in the case of weakly selective ideals). A striking combinatorial difference between these examples is that every weakly selective topologically representable ideal is *dense* (i.e., every infinite subset of ω has an infinite subset in the ideal) whereas by an old result of Mathias no selective analytic ideal is dense.

The talk will be devoted to such combinatorial (and topological) aspects of selective-like ideals.

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