

Separation Anxiety

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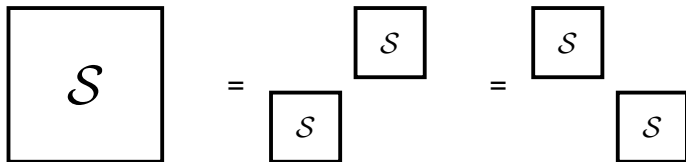


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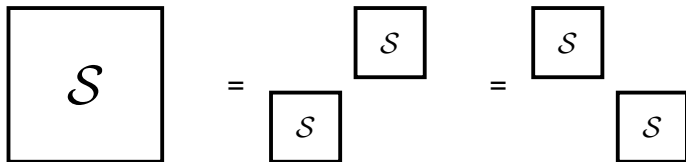


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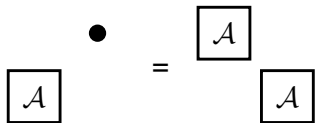
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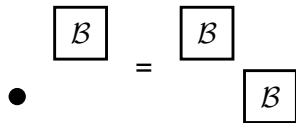
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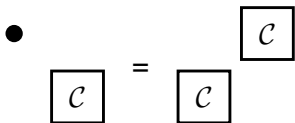
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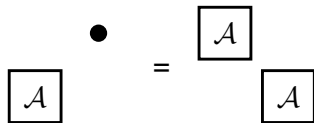
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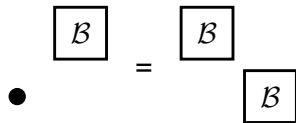
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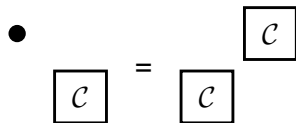
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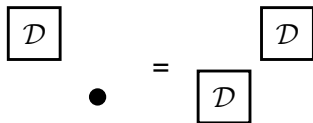
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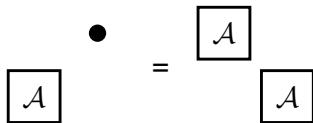
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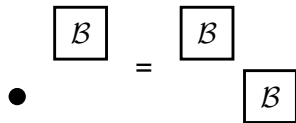
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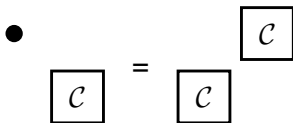


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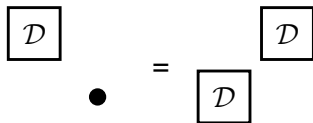


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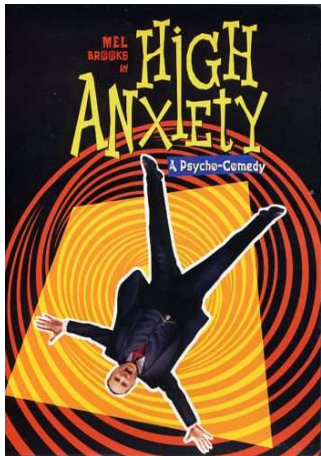
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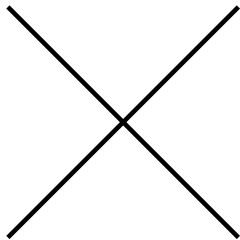
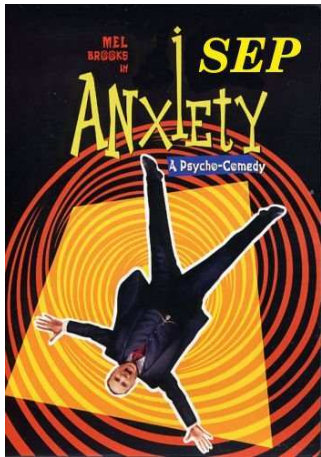
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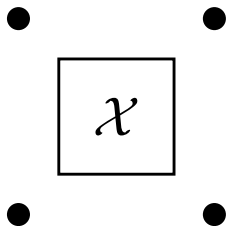
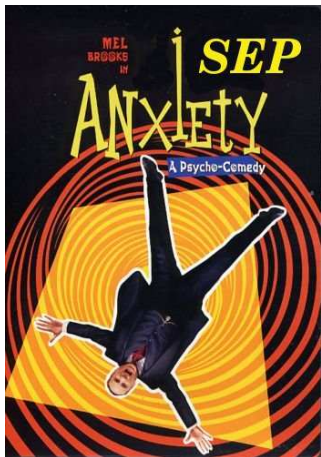
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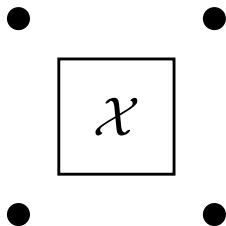
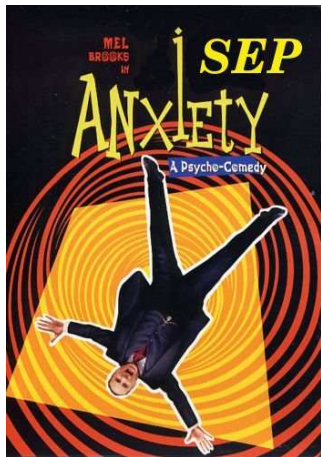
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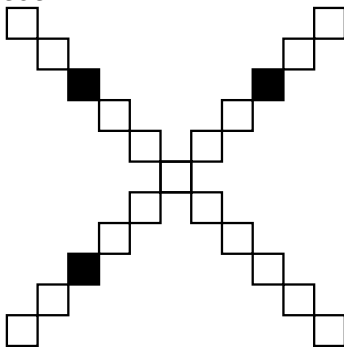


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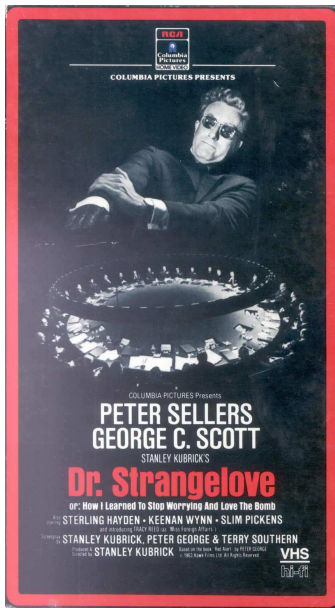
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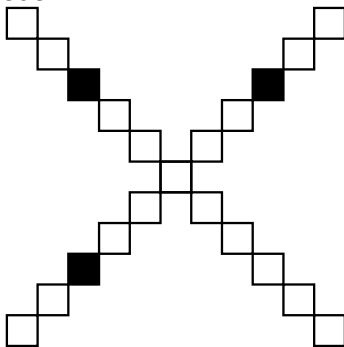


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So, \mathcal{Y} is atomic, neither \oplus nor \ominus closed, and we may assume is neither the sum or skew sum of two proper subclasses (lest condition X hold).

Define:

$$\mathcal{Y}_{SW} = \{\sigma \in \mathcal{Y} : \sigma \oplus \mathcal{Y} \subseteq \mathcal{Y}\}$$

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Each is a proper subclass of \mathcal{Y} (possibly empty). Put their union in \mathcal{U} .



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The credits

