

Quantale-valued dissimilarity

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cannot be made into an $\mathcal{O}(X)$ -valued apartness relation on $\mathbf{PC}(X)$.

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Then $\mathbf{B}_*(Q)$ is a subquantaloid of $\mathbf{B}(Q)$.

Theorem

A set equipped with a Q-valued dissimilarity is precisely a symmetric $\mathbf{B}_(\mathbb{Q})$ -category.*

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