

## SOME NOTES ON QUASI-ANTIORDERS AND COEQUALITY RELATIONS<sup>1</sup>

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### Abstract

It is known that each quasi-antiorde on anti-ordered set  $X$  induces coequality  $q$  on  $X$  such that  $X/q$  is an anti-ordered set. The converse of this statement also holds: Each coequality  $q$  on a set  $X$  such that  $X/q$  is anti-ordered set induces a quasi-antiorde on  $X$ . In this paper we give proofs that the families of all coequality relations  $q$  on  $X$  and the family of all quasi-antiorde relation on set  $X$  are completely lattices.

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## 1 Introduction and preliminary

This short investigation, in Bishop's constructive mathematics in the sense of well-known books [2], [4], [6] and [18] and Bogdanić, Romano and Vinčić's paper [3], Jojić and Romano's paper [6], and Romano's papers [7]-[16], is continuation of forthcoming the second author's papers [17]. Bishop's constructive mathematics is developed on Constructive Logic - logic without the Law of Excluded Middle  $P \vee \neg P$ . Let us note that in the Constructive Logic the 'Double Negation Law'  $\neg\neg P \implies P$  does not hold, but the following implication  $P \implies \neg\neg P$  does even in the Minimal Logic. Since the Constructive Logic is a part of the Classical Logic, these results, in the Constructive mathematics, are compatible with suitable results in the Classical mathematics. Let us recall that the following deduction principle  $A \vee B, \neg B \vdash A$  is acceptable in the Constructive Logic.

Let  $(X, =, \neq)$  be a set, where the relation  $\neq$  is a binary relation on  $X$ , called *diversity* on  $X$ , which satisfies the following properties:

$$\neg(x \neq x), \quad x \neq y \implies y \neq x, \quad x \neq y \wedge y = z \implies x \neq z.$$

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Following Heyting, if the following implication  $x \neq z \implies x \neq y \vee y \neq z$  holds, the diversity  $\neq$  is called *apartness*. Let  $x$  be an element of  $X$  and  $A$  a subset of  $X$ . We write  $x \bowtie A$  if and only if  $(\forall a \in A)(x \neq a)$ , and  $A^C = \{x \in X : x \bowtie A\}$ . In  $X \times X$  the equality and diversity are defined by  $(x, y) = (u, v) \iff x = u \wedge y = v$ ,  $(x, y) \neq (u, v) \iff x \neq u \vee y \neq v$ , and equality and diversity relations in power-set  $\wp(X \times X)$  of  $X \times X$  by

$$\alpha =_2 \beta \iff (\forall (x, y) \in X \times X)((x, y) \in \alpha \iff (x, y) \in \beta),$$

$$\alpha \neq_2 \beta \iff$$

$$(\exists x, y \in X)((x, y) \in \alpha \wedge (x, y) \bowtie \beta) \vee (\exists x, y \in X)((x, y) \in \beta \wedge (x, y) \bowtie \alpha).$$

Let us note that the diversity relation  $\neq_2$  is not an apartness relation in general case.

**Example I:** (1) The relation  $\neg(=)$  is an apartness on the set  $\mathbf{Z}$  of integers.  
(2) The relation  $q$ , defined on the set  $\mathbf{Q}^{\mathbf{N}}$  by

$$(f, g) \in q \iff (\exists k \in \mathbf{N})(\exists n \in \mathbf{N})(m \geq n \implies |f(m) - g(m)| > k^{-1}),$$

is an apartness relation.  $\blacklozenge$

A relation  $q$  on  $X$  is a coequality relation ([7]-[9]) on  $X$  if and only if it is consistent, symmetric and cotransitive:

$$q \subseteq \neq, \quad q = q^{-1}, \quad q \subseteq q * q,$$

where " $*$ " is the operation of relations  $\alpha \subseteq X \times X$  and  $\beta \subseteq X \times X$ , called filled product ([8], [9], [12]-[15]) of relations  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , are relation on  $X$  defined by

$$(a, c) \in \beta * \alpha \iff (\forall b \in X)((a, b) \in \alpha \vee (b, c) \in \beta).$$

For further study of coequality relation we suggest to read articles [8], [11], [13]-[16] (Specially, in articles [10], [12], [13] and [14], the author researches coequality relations compatible with the algebraic operations.) In article [7] and [8], problems of existence of compatible equality and coequality relations on set with apartness are discussed. In article [9], the author has proved the following: If  $e$  is an equivalence on set  $X$ , then there exists the maximal coequality relation  $q$  on  $X$  compatible with  $e$  in the following sense:

$$e \circ q \subseteq q \text{ and } q \circ e \subseteq q.$$

Opposite to the previous, if  $q$  is a coequality relation on set  $X$ , then the relation  $q^C = \{(x, y) \in X \times X : (x, y) \bowtie q\}$  is an equivalence on  $X$  compatible with  $q$  ([8], [11]), and we can ([11]) construct the factor-set  $X/(q^C, q) = \{aq^C : a \in X\}$  with:

$$aq^C =_1 bq^C \iff (a, b) \bowtie q, \quad aq^C \neq_1 bq^C \iff (a, b) \in q.$$

Also, we can ([8],[11]) construct the factor-set  $X/q = \{aq : a \in X\}$ : If  $q$  is a coequality relation on a set  $X$ , then  $X/q$  is a set with:

$$aq =_1 bq \iff (a, b) \bowtie q, \quad aq \neq_1 bq \iff (a, b) \in q.$$

It is easily to check that  $X/q \cong X/(q^C, q)$ . besides, it is clear that the mapping  $\pi : X \longrightarrow X/q$ , defined by  $\pi(x) = xq$ , is a strongly extensional surjective function.

Subset  $C(x) = \{y \in X : y \neq x\}$  satisfies the following implication:

$$y \in C(x) \wedge z \in X \implies y \neq z \vee z \in C(x).$$

It is called a principal strongly extensional subset of  $X$  such that  $x \bowtie C(x)$ . Following this special case, for a subset  $A$  of  $X$ , we say that it is a strongly extensional subset of  $X$  if and only if the following implication

$$x \in A \wedge y \in X \implies x \neq y \vee y \in A$$

holds.

**Examples II:** (1) ([7]) Let  $T$  be a set and  $J$  be a subfamily of  $\wp(T)$  such that

$$\emptyset \in J, \quad A \subseteq B \wedge B \in J \implies A \in J, \quad A \cap B \in J \implies A \in J \vee B \in J.$$

If  $(X_t)_{t \in T}$  is a family of sets, then the relation  $q$  on  $\prod_{t \in T} X_t (\neq \emptyset)$ , defined by  $(f, g) \in q \iff \{s \in T : (f(s) = g(s))\} \in J$ , is a coequality relation on the Cartesian product  $\prod_t X_t$ .

(2) A ring  $R$  is a local ring if for each  $r \in R$ , either  $r$  or  $1 - r$  is a unit, and let  $M$  be a module over  $R$ . The relation  $q$  on  $M$ , defined by  $(x, y) \in q$  if there exists a homomorphism  $f : M \longrightarrow R$  such that  $f(x - y)$  is a unit, is a coequality relation on  $M$ .

(3) ([11]) Let  $T$  be a strongly extensional consistent subset of semigroup  $S$ , i.e. let  $(\forall x, y \in S)(xy \in T \implies x \in T \wedge y \in T)$  holds. Then, relation  $q$  on semigroup  $S$ , defined by  $(a, b) \in q$  if and only if  $a \neq b \wedge (a \in T \vee b \in T)$ , is a coequality relation on  $S$  and compatible with semigroup operation in the following sense  $(\forall x, y, a, b \in S)((xay, xby) \in q \implies (a, b) \in q)$ .

(4) Let  $(R, =, \neq, +, 0, \cdot, 1)$  be a commutative ring. A subset  $Q$  of  $R$  is a coideal of  $R$  if and only if

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \bowtie Q, \quad -x \in Q \implies x \in Q, \quad x + y \in Q \implies x \in Q \vee y \in Q, \\ xy \in Q \implies x \in Q \wedge y \in Q. \end{aligned}$$

Coideals of commutative ring with apartness were first defined and studied by Ruitenburg 1982 in his dissertation. After that, coideals (anti-ideals) are studied by A.S. Troelstra and D. van Dalen in their monograph [18]. This author proved, in 1988], if  $Q$  is a coideal of a ring  $R$ , then the relation  $q$  on  $R$ , defined

by  $(x, y) \in q \iff x - y \in Q$ , satisfies the following properties:

- (a)  $q$  is a coequality relation on  $R$ ;
- (b)  $(\forall x, y, u, v \in R)((x + u, y + v) \in q \implies (x, y) \in q \vee (u, v) \in q)$ ;
- (c)  $(\forall x, y, u, v \in R)((xu, yv) \in q \implies (x, y) \in q \vee (u, v) \in q)$ .

A relation  $q$  on  $R$ , which satisfies the property (a)-(c), is called anticongruence on  $R$  ([4]) or coequality relation compatible with ring operations. If  $q$  is an anticongruence on a ring  $R$ , then the set  $Q = \{x \in R : (x, 0) \in q\}$  is a coideal of  $R$ . ♦

As in [12],[13], [14] and [15] a relation  $\alpha$  on  $X$  is antiorder on  $X$  if and only if

$$\alpha \subseteq \neq, \alpha \subseteq \alpha * \alpha, \neq \subseteq \alpha \cup \alpha^{-1} \text{ (linearity).}$$

Let  $g$  be a strongly extensional mapping of anti-ordered set from  $(X, =, \neq, \alpha)$  into  $(Y, =, \neq, \beta)$ . For  $g$  we say that it is:

- (i) isotone if  $(\forall a, b \in X)((a, b) \in \alpha \implies (g(a), g(b)) \in \beta)$  holds;
- (ii) reverse isotone if  $(\forall a, b \in X)((g(a), g(b)) \in \beta \implies (a, b) \in \alpha)$  holds.

A relation  $\sigma$  on  $X$  is a quasi-antiorder ([11]-[16]) on  $X$  if

$$\sigma \subseteq (\alpha \subseteq) \neq, \sigma \subseteq \sigma * \sigma.$$

It is clear that each coequality relation  $q$  on set  $X$  is a quasi-antiorder relation on  $X$ , and the apartness is a trivial anti-order relation on  $X$ . It is easy to check that if  $\sigma$  is a quasi-antiorder on  $X$ , then ([10]) the relation  $q = \sigma \cup \sigma^{-1}$  is a coequality relation on  $X$ . The notion of quasi-antiorder is defined for first time in article [8], and the notion of anti-order relation is defined for the first time in article [10]. Those relations and their properties are investigated by Baroni in [1], Bogdanić, Jojić and Romano in [3], Jojić and Romano in [6], and van Plato in [19] also.

**Examples III:** Let  $a$  and  $b$  be elements of semigroup  $(S, =, \neq, \cdot)$ . Then ([11]), the set  $C_{(a)} = \{x \in S : x \bowtie SaS\}$  is a consistent subset of  $S$  such that :

- $a \bowtie C_{(a)}$ ;
- $C_{(a)} \neq \emptyset \implies 1 \in C_{(a)}$ ;
- Let  $a$  be an invertible element of  $S$ . Then  $C_{(a)} = \emptyset$ ;
- $(\forall x, y \in S)(C_{(a)} \subseteq C_{(xay)})$ ;
- $C_{(a)} \cup C_{(b)} \subseteq C_{(ab)}$ .

Let  $a$  be an arbitrary element of a semigroup  $S$  with apartness. The consistent subset  $C_{(a)}$  is called a principal consistent subset of  $S$  generated by  $a$ . We introduce relation  $f$ , defined by  $(a, b) \in f \iff b \in C_{(a)}$ . The relation  $f$  has the

following properties ([11, Theorem 7]):

- $f$  is a consistent relation ;
- $(a, b) \in f \implies (\forall x, y \in S)((xay, b) \in f)$ ;
- $(a, b) \in f \implies (\forall n \in \mathbf{N})((a^n, b) \in f)$ ;
- $(\forall x, y \in S)((a, xby) \in f \implies (a, b) \in f)$  ;
- $(\forall x, y \in S)((a, xay) \in f)$ .

We can construct the cotransitive relation  $c(f) = \bigcap^n f$  as cotransitive fulfillment of the relation  $f$  ([8]-[11],[15]). As consequences of these assertions we have the following results. The relation  $c(f)$  satisfies the following properties:

- $c(f)$  is a quasi-antiorder on  $S$  ;
- $(\forall x, y \in S)((a, xay) \bowtie c(f))$ ;
- $(\forall n \in \mathbf{N})((a, a^n) \bowtie c(f))$  ;
- $(\forall x, y \in S)((a, b) \in c(f) \implies (xay, b) \in c(f))$  ;
- $(\forall n \in \mathbf{N})((a, b) \in c(f) \implies (a^n, b) \in c(f))$  ;
- $(\forall x, y \in S)((a, xby) \in c(f) \implies (a, b) \in c(f))$ .  $\blacklozenge$

For a given anti-ordered set  $(X, =, \neq, \alpha)$  is essential to know if there exists a coequality relation  $q$  on  $X$  such that  $X/q$  is an anti-ordered set. This plays an important role for studying the structure of anti-ordered sets. The following question is natural: If  $(X, =, \neq, \alpha)$  is an anti-ordered set and  $q$  a coequality relation on  $X$ , is the factor-set  $X/q$  anti-ordered set? Naturally, anti-order on  $X/q$  should be the relation  $\Theta$  on  $X/q$  defined by means of the anti-order  $\alpha$  on  $X$  such that  $\Theta = \{(xq, yq) \in X/q : (x, y) \in \alpha\}$ , but it is not held in general case. The following question appears: Is there coequality relation  $q$  on  $X$  for which  $X/q$  is an anti-ordered set such that the natural mapping  $\pi : X \longrightarrow X/q$  is reverse isotone? The concept of quasi-antiorder relation was introduced by this author in his papers [8] and [9]-[16] (Particularly, in articles [10] and [14], the author investigated anti-ordered algebraic systems with apartness.). According to Lemma 0 in [12], if  $(X, =, \neq)$  is a set and  $\sigma$  is a quasi-antiorder on  $X$ , then ([12, Lemma 1]) the relation  $q$  on  $X$ , defined by  $q = \sigma \cup \sigma^{-1}$ , is a coequality relation on  $X$ , and the set  $X/q$  is an anti-ordered set under anti-order  $\Theta$  defined by  $(xq, yq) \in \Theta \iff (x, y) \in \sigma$ . So, according to results in [12] and [13], each quasi-antiorder  $\sigma$  on an ordered set  $X$  under anti-order  $\alpha$  induces an coequality relation  $q =_2 \sigma \cup \sigma^{-1}$  on  $X$  such that  $X/q$  is an anti-ordered set under  $\Theta$ . (For a further study of quasi-antiorders on anti-ordered set we refer to papers [12], [13] and forthcoming the author's paper [17].) In paper [14] we proved that the converse of this statement also holds. If  $(X, =, \neq, \alpha)$  is an anti-ordered set and  $q$  coequality relation on  $X$ , and if there exists an order relation  $\Theta_1$  on  $X/q$  such that the  $(X/q, =_1, \neq_1, \Theta_1)$  is an anti-ordered and the mapping  $\pi : X \longrightarrow X/q$  is reverse isotone (so-called regular coequality), then there exists a quasi-antiorder  $\sigma$  on  $X$  such that  $q =_2 \sigma \cup \sigma^{-1}$ . So, each regular coequality  $q$  on a set  $(X, =, \neq, \alpha)$

induces a quasi-antiorder on  $X$ . Besides, connections between the family of all quasi-antiororders on  $X$ , the family of coequality relations on  $X$ , and the family of all regular coequality relations  $q$  on  $X$  are given.

**Lemma 1.1** *Let  $\tau$  be a quasi-antiorder on set  $X$ . Then  $x\tau$  ( $\tau x$ ) is a strongly extensional subset of  $X$ , such that  $x \bowtie x\tau$  ( $x \bowtie \tau x$ ), for each  $x \in X$ . Besides, the following implication  $(x, z) \in \tau \implies x\tau \cup \tau z = X$  holds for each  $x, z$  of  $X$ .*

**Proof:** From  $\tau \subseteq \neq$  it follows  $x \bowtie x\tau$ . Let  $yx \in \tau$  holds, and let  $z$  be an arbitrary element of  $X$ . Thus,  $(x, y) \in \tau$  and  $(x, z) \in \tau \vee (z, y) \in \tau$ . So, we have  $z \in x\tau \vee y \neq z$ . Therefore,  $x\tau$  is a strongly extensional subset of  $X$  such that  $x \bowtie x\tau$ .

The proof that  $\tau x$  is a strongly extensional subset of  $X$  such that  $x \bowtie \tau x$  is analogous. Besides, the following implication  $(x, z) \in \tau \implies x\tau \cup \tau z = X$  holds for each  $x, y$  of  $X$ . Indeed, if  $(x, z) \in \tau$  and  $y$  is an arbitrary element of  $X$ , then  $(\forall y \in X)((x, y) \in \tau \vee (y, z) \in \tau)$ . Thus,  $X = x\tau \cup \tau z$ .  $\square$

Let  $\tau$  be a quasi-antiorder on set  $X$ . Then for every pair  $(x, z)$  of  $\tau$  there exists a pair  $(A_x, B_z)$  of strongly extensional subsets of  $X$  such that  $x \bowtie A_x \wedge z \bowtie B_z$  and  $X = A_x \cup B_z$  and  $x \in B_z \wedge z \in A_x$ .

**Example IV:** If  $A$  is a strongly extensional subset of  $X$ , then the relation  $\sigma$  on  $X$ , defined by  $(x, y) \in \sigma \iff x \in A \wedge x \neq y$ , is a quasi-antiorder relation on  $X$ .

**Proof:** It is clear that  $\sigma$  is a consistent relation on  $X$ . Assume  $(x, z) \in \sigma$  and let  $y$  be an arbitrary element of  $X$ . Then,  $x \in A \wedge x \neq z$ . Thus,  $x \neq y \vee y \neq z$ . If  $x \neq y$  and  $x \in A$ , then  $(x, y) \in \sigma$ . If  $y \neq z$  and  $x \in A$ , by strongly extensionality of  $A$ , we have  $y \neq z$  and  $x \in A$  and  $x \neq y \vee y \in A$ . In the case of  $y \neq z \wedge x \in A \wedge x \neq y$  we have again  $(x, y) \in \sigma$ ; in the case of  $y \neq z$  and  $x \in A$  and  $y \in A$  we have  $(y, z) \in \sigma$ . So, the relation  $\sigma$  is a cotransitive relation. Therefore, relation  $\sigma$  is a quasi-antiorder relation on  $X$ . Further on, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} x \in A &\implies x\sigma = C(x), \quad \neg(x \in A) \implies x\sigma = \emptyset; \\ y \in A &\implies \sigma y = C(y) \cap A, \quad y \bowtie A \implies \sigma y = A. \quad \blacklozenge \end{aligned}$$

## 2 Main Results

In the following proposition we give a connection between the family  $\mathfrak{Z}(X)$  of all quasi-antiororders on set  $X$  and the family  $\mathbf{q}(X)$  of all coequality relation on  $X$ : Footnotes should be avoided. Drawings should be prepared as

For a set  $(X, =, \neq, \alpha)$  by  $\mathfrak{R}(X, \alpha)$  we denote the family of all regular coequality relations  $q$  on  $X$  with respect to  $\alpha$ , and by  $\mathfrak{Z}(X, \alpha)$  denotes the family of all quasi-antiorder relation on  $X$  included in  $\alpha$ . In the following assertion we give another main result of this paper: Postscript files. Here is an example:

Let us note that families  $\mathfrak{S}(X)$ ,  $\mathfrak{S}(X, \alpha)$  and  $\mathbf{q}(X)$  are completely lattices. Indeed, in the following two theorems we give proofs for those facts:

**Theorem 2.1** *If  $\{\tau_k\}_{k \in J}$  is a family of quasi-antiorders on a set  $(X, =, \neq)$ , then  $\bigcup_{k \in J} \tau_k$  and  $c(\bigcap_{k \in J} \tau_k)$  are quasi-antiorders in  $X$ . So, the families  $\mathfrak{S}(X)$  and  $\mathfrak{S}(X, \alpha)$  are completely lattices.*

**Proof:** (1) Let  $\{\tau_k\}_{k \in J}$  is a family of quasi-antiorders on a set  $(X, =, \neq)$  and let  $x, z$  be an arbitrary elements of  $X$  such that  $(x, z) \in \bigcup_{k \in J} \tau_k$ . Then, there exists  $k$  in  $J$  such that  $(x, z) \in \tau_k$ . Hence, for every  $y \in X$  we have  $(x, y) \in \tau_k \vee (y, z) \in \tau_k$ . So,  $(x, y) \in \bigcup_{k \in J} \tau_k \vee (y, z) \in \bigcup_{k \in J} \tau_k$ . On the other hand, for every  $k$  in  $J$  holds  $\tau_k \subseteq \neq$ . From this we have  $\bigcup_{k \in J} \tau_k \subseteq \neq$ . So, we can put  $\sup\{\tau_k : k \in J\} = \bigcup_{k \in J} \tau_k$ .

(2) Let  $R (\subseteq \neq)$  be a relation on a set  $(X, =, \neq)$ . Then for an inhabited family of quasi-antiorders under  $R$  there exists the biggest quasi-antiorder relation under  $R$ . That relation is exactly the relation  $c(R)$ . In fact:

By (1), there exists the biggest quasi-antiorder relation on  $X$  under  $R$ . Let  $Q_R$  be the inhabited family of all quasi-antiorder relation on  $X$  under  $R$ . With  $(R)$  we denote the biggest quasi-antiorder relation  $\bigcup Q_R$  on  $X$  under  $R$ . On the other hand, the fulfillment  $c(R) = \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} {}^n R$  of the relation  $R$  is a cotransitive relation on set  $X$  under  $R$ . Therefore,  $c(R) \subseteq (R)$  holds.

We need to show that  $(R) \subseteq c(R)$ . Let  $\tau (\subseteq (R) = \bigcup Q_R)$  be a quasi-antiorder relation in  $X$  under  $R$ . Firstly, we have  $\tau \subseteq R = {}^1 R$ . Assume  $(x, z) \in \tau$ . Then, out of  $(\forall y \in X)((x, y) \in \tau \vee (y, z) \in \tau)$  we conclude that for every  $y$  in  $X$  holds  $(x, y) \in R \vee (y, z) \in R$ , i.e. holds  $(x, z) \in R * R = {}^2 R$ . So, we have  $\tau \subseteq {}^2 R$ . Now, we will suppose that  $\tau \subseteq {}^n R$ , and suppose that  $(x, z) \in \tau$ . Then,  $(\forall y \in X)((x, y) \in \tau \vee (y, z) \in \tau)$  implies that  $(x, y) \in R \vee (y, z) \in {}^n R$  holds for every  $y \in X$ . Therefore,  $(x, z) \in {}^{n+1} R$ . So, we have  $\tau \subseteq {}^{n+1} R$ . Thus, by induction, we have  $\tau \subseteq \bigcap {}^n R$ . let us remember that  $\tau$  is an arbitrary quasi-antiorder on  $X$  under  $R$ . Hence, we proved that  $(R) = \bigcup Q_R \subseteq c(R)$ . If  $\{\tau_k\}_{k \in J}$  is a family of quasi-antiorders on a set  $(X, =, \neq)$ , then  $c(\bigcap_{k \in J} \tau_k)$  is a quasi-antiorder in  $X$ , and we can set  $\inf\{\tau_k : k \in J\} = c(\bigcap_{k \in J} \tau_k)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.2** *Let  $(X, =, \neq)$  be a set with apartness. The family  $\mathbf{q}(X)$  is a completely lattice.*

**Proof:** If  $\{q_k : k \in \Lambda\}$  is a family of coequality relations on  $X$ , then  $\bigcup q_k$  and  $c(\bigcap q_k)$  are coequality relations on  $X$  such that  $(\forall k \in \Lambda)(q_k \subseteq \bigcup q_k)$  and  $(\forall k \in \Lambda)(c(\bigcap q_k) \subseteq q_k)$ . Since  $\bigcup q_k$  is the minimal extension of every  $q_k$  we can put  $\sup\{q_k : k \in \Lambda\} = \bigcup q_k$ , and since  $c(\bigcap q_k)$  is the maximal coequality relation under  $\bigcap q_k (\subseteq q_k)$  we can set  $\inf\{q_k : k \in \Lambda\} = c(\bigcap q_k)$ .  $\square$

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