# Auxiliary and Approximating Relations<sup>1</sup>

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**Summary.** The aim of this paper is to formalize the second part of Chapter I Section 1 (1.9–1.19) in [12]. Definitions of Scott's auxiliary and approximating relations are introduced in this work. We showed that in a meet-continuous lattice, the way-below relation is the intersection of all approximating auxiliary relations (proposition (40) — compare 1.13 in [12, pp. 43–47]). By (41) a continuous lattice is a complete lattice in which  $\ll$  is the smallest approximating auxiliary relation. The notions of the strong interpolation property and the interpolation property are also introduced.

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The articles [21], [25], [19], [10], [23], [24], [20], [9], [3], [26], [28], [7], [8], [27], [2], [4], [22], [18], [1], [17], [13], [29], [14], [15], [5], [11], [16], and [6] provide the notation and terminology for this paper.

## 1. AUXILIARY RELATIONS

Let L be a 1-sorted structure.

(Def. 1) A binary relation on the carrier of L is called a binary relation on L.

Let L be a non empty reflexive relational structure. The functor  $\ll_L$  yields a binary relation on L and is defined as follows:

(Def. 2) For all elements x, y of L holds  $\langle x, y \rangle \in \ll_L$  iff  $x \ll y$ .

Let L be a relational structure. The functor  $\leq_L$  yielding a binary relation on L is defined by:

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(Def. 3)  $\leq_L$  = the internal relation of L.

Let L be a relational structure and let R be a binary relation on L. We say that R is auxiliary(i) if and only if:

(Def. 4) For all elements x, y of L such that  $\langle x, y \rangle \in R$  holds  $x \leq y$ .

We say that R is auxiliary(ii) if and only if:

(Def. 5) For all elements x, y, z, u of L such that  $u \leq x$  and  $\langle x, y \rangle \in R$  and  $y \leq z$  holds  $\langle u, z \rangle \in R$ .

Let L be a non empty relational structure and let R be a binary relation on L. We say that R is auxiliary(iii) if and only if:

(Def. 6) For all elements x, y, z of L such that  $\langle x, z \rangle \in R$  and  $\langle y, z \rangle \in R$  holds  $\langle x \sqcup y, z \rangle \in R$ .

We say that R is auxiliary(iv) if and only if:

(Def. 7) For every element x of L holds  $\langle \perp_L, x \rangle \in R$ .

Let L be a non empty relational structure and let R be a binary relation on L. We say that R is auxiliary if and only if:

(Def. 8) R is auxiliary(i), auxiliary(ii), auxiliary(iii), and auxiliary(iv).

Let L be a non empty relational structure. Note that every binary relation on L which is auxiliary is also auxiliary(i), auxiliary(ii), auxiliary(iii), and auxiliary(iv) and every binary relation on L which is auxiliary(i), auxiliary(ii), auxiliary(ii), and auxiliary(iv) is also auxiliary.

Let L be a lower-bounded transitive antisymmetric relational structure with l.u.b.'s. Note that there exists a binary relation on L which is auxiliary.

Next we state the proposition

(1) Let L be a lower-bounded sup-semilattice,  $A_1$  be an auxiliary binary relation on L, and x, y, z, u be elements of L. If  $\langle x, z \rangle \in A_1$  and  $\langle y, u \rangle \in A_1$ , then  $\langle x \sqcup y, z \sqcup u \rangle \in A_1$ .

Let L be a lower-bounded sup-semilattice. Observe that every binary relation on L which is auxiliary is also transitive.

Let L be a relational structure. Note that  $\leq_L$  is auxiliary(i).

Let L be a transitive relational structure. One can verify that  $\leq_L$  is auxiliary(ii).

Let L be an antisymmetric relational structure with l.u.b.'s. One can check that  $\leq_L$  is auxiliary(iii).

Let L be a lower-bounded antisymmetric non empty relational structure. Note that  $\leq_L$  is auxiliary(iv).

In the sequel a will denote a set.

Let L be a lower-bounded sup-semilattice. The functor Aux(L) is defined as follows:

(Def. 9)  $a \in Aux(L)$  iff a is an auxiliary binary relation on L.

Let L be a lower-bounded sup-semilattice. Note that Aux(L) is non empty. The following two propositions are true:

- (2) For every lower-bounded sup-semilattice L and for every auxiliary binary relation  $A_1$  on L holds  $A_1 \subseteq \leq_L$ .
- (3) For every lower-bounded sup-semilattice L holds  $\top_{(\operatorname{Aux}(L),\subset)} = \leq_L$ .

Let L be a lower-bounded sup-semilattice. Note that  $(\operatorname{Aux}(L), \subseteq)$  is upper-bounded.

Let L be a non empty relational structure. The functor AuxBottom(L) yields a binary relation on L and is defined as follows:

(Def. 10) For all elements x, y of L holds  $\langle x, y \rangle \in \text{AuxBottom}(L)$  iff  $x = \bot_L$ .

Let L be a lower-bounded sup-semilattice. Observe that AuxBottom(L) is auxiliary.

The following propositions are true:

- (4) For every lower-bounded sup-semilattice L and for every auxiliary binary relation  $A_1$  on L holds  $AuxBottom(L) \subseteq A_1$ .
- (5) For every lower-bounded sup-semilattice L and for every auxiliary binary relation  $A_1$  on L holds  $\perp_{\langle \operatorname{Aux}(L), \subseteq \rangle} = \operatorname{AuxBottom}(L)$ .

Let L be a lower-bounded sup-semilattice. One can verify that  $\langle Aux(L), \subseteq \rangle$  is lower-bounded.

The following two propositions are true:

- (6) Let L be a lower-bounded sup-semilattice and a, b be auxiliary binary relations on L. Then  $a \cap b$  is an auxiliary binary relation on L.
- (7) Let L be a lower-bounded sup-semilattice and X be a non empty subset of  $\langle \operatorname{Aux}(L), \subseteq \rangle$ . Then  $\bigcap X$  is an auxiliary binary relation on L.

Let L be a lower-bounded sup-semilattice. Note that  $\langle \operatorname{Aux}(L), \subseteq \rangle$  has g.l.b.'s. Let L be a lower-bounded sup-semilattice. Observe that  $\langle \operatorname{Aux}(L), \subseteq \rangle$  is complete.

Let L be a non empty relational structure, let x be an element of L, and let  $A_1$  be a binary relation on L. The functor  $\downarrow_{A_1} x$  yields a subset of L and is defined by:

(Def. 11)  $\downarrow_{A_1} x = \{y, y \text{ ranges over elements of } L: \langle y, x \rangle \in A_1\}.$ 

The functor  $\uparrow_{A_1} x$  yielding a subset of L is defined by:

 $(\text{Def. 12}) \quad \ \ \uparrow_{A_1} x = \{y, y \text{ ranges over elements of } L : \ \ \langle x, y \rangle \in A_1 \}.$ 

One can prove the following proposition

(8) Let L be a lower-bounded sup-semilattice, x be an element of L, and  $A_1$  be an auxiliary(i) binary relation on L. Then  $\downarrow_{A_1} x \subseteq \downarrow x$ .

Let L be a lower-bounded sup-semilattice, let x be an element of L, and let  $A_1$  be an auxiliary(ii) auxiliary(iii) auxiliary(iv) binary relation on L. Observe that  $\downarrow_{A_1} x$  is directed lower and non empty.

Let L be a lower-bounded sup-semilattice and let  $A_1$  be an auxiliary(ii) auxiliary(iii) auxiliary(iv) binary relation on L. The functor  $\downarrow A_1$  yields a map from L into  $\langle \text{Ids}(L), \subseteq \rangle$  and is defined by:

(Def. 13) For every element x of L holds  $(\downarrow A_1)(x) = \downarrow_{A_1} x$ .

We now state three propositions:

- (9) Let L be a non empty relational structure,  $A_1$  be a binary relation on L, a be a set, and y be an element of L. Then  $a \in \downarrow_{A_1} y$  if and only if  $\langle a, y \rangle \in A_1$ .
- (10) Let L be a sup-semilattice,  $A_1$  be a binary relation on L, and y be an element of L. Then  $a \in \uparrow_{A_1} y$  if and only if  $\langle y, a \rangle \in A_1$ .
- (11) Let L be a lower-bounded sup-semilattice,  $A_1$  be an auxiliary binary relation on L, and x be an element of L. If  $A_1$  = the internal relation of L, then  $\downarrow_{A_1} x = \downarrow x$ .

Let L be a non empty poset. The functor MonSet(L) yields a strict relational structure and is defined by the conditions (Def. 14).

- (Def. 14)(i)  $a \in$  the carrier of MonSet(L) iff there exists a map s from L into  $\langle \text{Ids}(L), \subseteq \rangle$  such that a = s and s is monotone and for every element x of L holds  $s(x) \subseteq \downarrow x$ , and
  - (ii) for all sets c, d holds  $\langle c, d \rangle \in$  the internal relation of MonSet(L) iff there exist maps f, g from L into  $\langle \text{Ids}(L), \subseteq \rangle$  such that c = f and d = gand  $c \in$  the carrier of MonSet(L) and  $d \in$  the carrier of MonSet(L) and  $f \leq g$ .

One can prove the following propositions:

- (12) Let L be a lower-bounded sup-semilattice. Then MonSet(L) is a full relational substructure of  $(\langle \text{Ids}(L), \subseteq \rangle)^{\text{the carrier of } L}$ .
- (13) Let L be a lower-bounded sup-semilattice,  $A_1$  be an auxiliary binary relation on L, and x, y be elements of L. If  $x \leq y$ , then  $\downarrow_{A_1} x \subseteq \downarrow_{A_1} y$ .

Let L be a lower-bounded sup-semilattice and let  $A_1$  be an auxiliary binary relation on L. Note that  $\downarrow A_1$  is monotone.

Next we state the proposition

(14) Let L be a lower-bounded sup-semilattice and  $A_1$  be an auxiliary binary relation on L. Then  $\downarrow A_1 \in$  the carrier of MonSet(L).

Let L be a lower-bounded sup-semilattice. Observe that MonSet(L) is non empty.

Next we state several propositions:

- (15) For every lower-bounded sup-semilattice L holds  $\operatorname{IdsMap}(L) \in \operatorname{the carrier of MonSet}(L)$ .
- (16) For every lower-bounded sup-semilattice L and for every auxiliary binary relation  $A_1$  on L holds  $\downarrow A_1 \leq \text{IdsMap}(L)$ .
- (17) For every lower-bounded non empty poset L and for every ideal I of L holds  $\perp_L \in I$ .
- (18) For every upper-bounded non empty poset L and for every filter F of L holds  $\top_L \in F$ .
- (19) For every lower-bounded non empty poset L holds  $\downarrow(\perp_L) = \{\perp_L\}$ .
- (20) For every upper-bounded non empty poset L holds  $\uparrow(\top_L) = \{\top_L\}$ .

In the sequel L is a lower-bounded sup-semilattice,  $A_1$  is an auxiliary binary relation on L, and x is an element of L.

The following propositions are true:

- (21) The carrier of  $L \longmapsto \{\perp_L\}$  is a map from L into  $\langle \text{Ids}(L), \subseteq \rangle$ .
- (22) The carrier of  $L \mapsto \{\perp_L\} \in \text{the carrier of MonSet}(L)$ .
- (23)  $\langle \text{the carrier of } L \longmapsto \{ \perp_L \}, \downarrow A_1 \rangle \in \text{the internal relation of MonSet}(L).$ Let us consider L. Note that MonSet(L) is upper-bounded. Let us consider L. The functor Rel2Map(L) yields a map from  $\langle \text{Aux}(L), \subseteq \rangle$ into MonSet(L) and is defined by:

(Def. 15) For every  $A_1$  holds  $(\text{Rel2Map}(L))(A_1) = \downarrow A_1$ .

The following propositions are true:

- (24) For all auxiliary binary relations  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$  on L such that  $R_1 \subseteq R_2$  holds  $\downarrow R_1 \leqslant \downarrow R_2$ .
- (25) For all auxiliary binary relations  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$  on L such that  $R_1 \subseteq R_2$  holds  $\downarrow_{R_1} x \subseteq \downarrow_{R_2} x$ .

Let us consider L. One can verify that  $\operatorname{Rel2Map}(L)$  is monotone.

Let us consider L. The functor Map2Rel(L) yields a map from MonSet(L) into  $(\operatorname{Aux}(L), \subseteq)$  and is defined by the condition (Def. 16).

- (Def. 16) Let s be a set. Suppose  $s \in$  the carrier of MonSet(L). Then there exists an auxiliary binary relation  $A_1$  on L such that
  - (i)  $A_1 = (\operatorname{Map2Rel}(L))(s)$ , and
  - (ii) for all sets x, y holds  $\langle x, y \rangle \in A_1$  iff there exist elements x', y' of L and there exists a map s' from L into  $\langle \text{Ids}(L), \subseteq \rangle$  such that x' = x and y' = y and s' = s and  $x' \in s'(y')$ .

Let us consider L. One can check that Map2Rel(L) is monotone.

We now state two propositions:

- (26)  $\operatorname{Map2Rel}(L) \cdot \operatorname{Rel2Map}(L) = \operatorname{id}_{\operatorname{dom}\operatorname{Rel2Map}(L)}.$
- (27)  $\operatorname{Rel2Map}(L) \cdot \operatorname{Map2Rel}(L) = \operatorname{id_{the carrier of MonSet}(L)} \cdot$ Let us consider L. Observe that  $\operatorname{Rel2Map}(L)$  is one-to-one.

The following three propositions are true:

- (28)  $(\operatorname{Rel2Map}(L))^{-1} = \operatorname{Map2Rel}(L).$
- (29)  $\operatorname{Rel2Map}(L)$  is isomorphic.
- (30) For every complete lattice L and for every element x of L holds  $\bigcap \{I, I \text{ ranges over ideals of } L: x \leq \sup I \} = \downarrow x.$

The scheme LambdaC' concerns a non empty relational structure  $\mathcal{A}$ , a unary functor  $\mathcal{F}$  yielding a set, a unary functor  $\mathcal{G}$  yielding a set, and a unary predicate  $\mathcal{P}$ , and states that:

There exists a function f such that dom f = the carrier of  $\mathcal{A}$  and for every element x of  $\mathcal{A}$  holds if  $\mathcal{P}[x]$ , then  $f(x) = \mathcal{F}(x)$  and if not  $\mathcal{P}[x]$ , then  $f(x) = \mathcal{G}(x)$ 

for all values of the parameters.

Let L be a semilattice and let I be an ideal of L. The functor DownMap(I) yields a map from L into  $(\text{Ids}(L), \subseteq)$  and is defined by:

(Def. 17) For every element x of L holds if  $x \leq \sup I$ , then  $(\text{DownMap}(I))(x) = \downarrow x \cap I$  and if  $x \leq \sup I$ , then  $(\text{DownMap}(I))(x) = \downarrow x$ .

One can prove the following two propositions:

- (31) For every semilattice L and for every ideal I of L holds  $\text{DownMap}(I) \in$  the carrier of MonSet(L).
- (32) Let L be an antisymmetric reflexive relational structure with g.l.b.'s, x be an element of L, and D be a non empty lower subset of L. Then  $\{x\} \sqcap D = \downarrow x \cap D$ .

# 2. Approximating Relations

Let L be a non empty relational structure and let  $A_1$  be a binary relation on L. We say that  $A_1$  is approximating if and only if:

(Def. 18) For every element x of L holds  $x = \sup \downarrow_{A_1} x$ .

Let L be a non empty poset and let  $m_1$  be a map from L into  $(\text{Ids}(L), \subseteq)$ . We say that  $m_1$  is approximating if and only if:

(Def. 19) For every element x of L there exists a subset  $i_1$  of L such that  $i_1 = m_1(x)$ and  $x = \sup i_1$ .

Next we state two propositions:

- (33) For every lower-bounded meet-continuous semilattice L and for every ideal I of L holds DownMap(I) is approximating.
- (34) Every lower-bounded continuous lattice is meet-continuous.

Let us mention that every lower-bounded lattice which is continuous is also meet-continuous.

The following proposition is true

(35) For every lower-bounded continuous lattice L and for every ideal I of L holds DownMap(I) is approximating.

Let L be a non empty reflexive antisymmetric relational structure. Observe that  $\ll_L$  is auxiliary(i).

Let L be a non empty reflexive transitive relational structure. One can check that  $\ll_L$  is auxiliary(ii).

Let L be a poset with l.u.b.'s. One can verify that  $\ll_L$  is auxiliary(iii).

Let L be an inf-complete non empty poset. Note that  $\ll_L$  is auxiliary(iii).

Let L be a lower-bounded antisymmetric reflexive non empty relational structure. Observe that  $\ll_L$  is auxiliary(iv).

Next we state two propositions:

- (36) For every complete lattice L and for every element x of L holds  $\downarrow_{\ll_L} x = \downarrow_X$ .
- (37) For every lattice L holds  $\leq_L$  is approximating.

Let L be a lower-bounded continuous lattice. One can verify that  $\ll_L$  is approximating.

Let L be a complete lattice. Observe that there exists an auxiliary binary relation on L which is approximating.

Let L be a complete lattice. The functor App(L) is defined as follows:

- (Def. 20)  $a \in \operatorname{App}(L)$  iff a is an approximating auxiliary binary relation on L. Let L be a complete lattice. Note that  $\operatorname{App}(L)$  is non empty. Next we state three propositions:
  - (38) Let L be a complete lattice and  $m_1$  be a map from L into  $\langle \operatorname{Ids}(L), \subseteq \rangle$ . Suppose  $m_1$  is approximating and  $m_1 \in$  the carrier of  $\operatorname{MonSet}(L)$ . Then there exists an approximating auxiliary binary relation  $A_1$  on L such that  $A_1 = (\operatorname{Map2Rel}(L))(m_1)$ .
  - (39) For every complete lattice L and for every element x of L holds  $\bigcap \{ (\text{DownMap}(I))(x) : I \text{ ranges over ideals of } L \} = \downarrow x.$
  - (40) Let *L* be a lower-bounded meet-continuous lattice and *x* be an element of *L*. Then  $\bigcap \{ \downarrow_{A_1} x, A_1 \text{ ranges over auxiliary binary relations on$ *L* $: <math>A_1 \in \operatorname{App}(L) \} = \downarrow x$ .

In the sequel L denotes a complete lattice.

Next we state two propositions:

- (41) L is continuous if and only if for every approximating auxiliary binary relation R on L holds  $\ll_L \subseteq R$  and  $\ll_L$  is approximating.
- (42) L is continuous if and only if the following conditions are satisfied:
  - (i) L is meet-continuous, and
  - (ii) there exists an approximating auxiliary binary relation R on L such that for every approximating auxiliary binary relation R' on L holds  $R \subseteq R'$ .

Let L be a non empty relational structure and let  $A_1$  be a binary relation on L. We say that  $A_1$  satisfies strong interpolation property if and only if:

(Def. 21) For all elements x, z of L such that  $\langle x, z \rangle \in A_1$  and  $x \neq z$  there exists an element y of L such that  $\langle x, y \rangle \in A_1$  and  $\langle y, z \rangle \in A_1$  and  $x \neq y$ .

Let L be a non empty relational structure and let  $A_1$  be a binary relation on L. We say that  $A_1$  satisfies interpolation property if and only if:

(Def. 22) For all elements x, z of L such that  $\langle x, z \rangle \in A_1$  there exists an element y of L such that  $\langle x, y \rangle \in A_1$  and  $\langle y, z \rangle \in A_1$ .

Next we state two propositions:

- (43) Let L be a non empty relational structure,  $A_1$  be a binary relation on L, and x, z be elements of L. If  $\langle x, z \rangle \in A_1$  and x = z, then there exists an element y of L such that  $\langle x, y \rangle \in A_1$  and  $\langle y, z \rangle \in A_1$ .
- (44) Let L be a non empty relational structure and  $A_1$  be a binary relation on L. Suppose  $A_1$  satisfies strong interpolation property. Then  $A_1$  satisfies interpolation property.

Let L be a non empty relational structure. Observe that every binary relation on L which satisfies strong interpolation property satisfies also interpolation property.

In the sequel  $A_1$  is an auxiliary binary relation on L and x, y, z are elements of L.

The following four propositions are true:

- (45) Let  $A_1$  be an approximating auxiliary binary relation on L. If  $x \leq y$ , then there exists an element u of L such that  $\langle u, x \rangle \in A_1$  and  $u \leq y$ .
- (46) Let R be an approximating auxiliary binary relation on L. If  $\langle x, z \rangle \in R$ and  $x \neq z$ , then there exists y such that  $x \leq y$  and  $\langle y, z \rangle \in R$  and  $x \neq y$ .
- (47) Let R be an approximating auxiliary binary relation on L. Suppose  $x \ll z$  and  $x \neq z$ . Then there exists an element y of L such that  $\langle x, y \rangle \in R$  and  $\langle y, z \rangle \in R$  and  $x \neq y$ .
- (48) For every lower-bounded continuous lattice L holds  $\ll_L$  satisfies strong interpolation property.

Let L be a lower-bounded continuous lattice. Observe that  $\ll_L$  satisfies strong interpolation property.

Next we state two propositions:

- (49) Let L be a lower-bounded continuous lattice and x, y be elements of L. If  $x \ll y$ , then there exists an element x' of L such that  $x \ll x'$  and  $x' \ll y$ .
- (50) Let L be a lower-bounded continuous lattice and x, y be elements of L. Then  $x \ll y$  if and only if for every non empty directed subset D of L such that  $y \leq \sup D$  there exists an element d of L such that  $d \in D$  and  $x \ll d$ .

## 3. Exercises

Let L be a relational structure, let X be a subset of L, and let R be a binary relation on the carrier of L. We say that X is directed w.r.t. R if and only if:

(Def. 23) For all elements x, y of L such that  $x \in X$  and  $y \in X$  there exists an element z of L such that  $z \in X$  and  $\langle x, z \rangle \in R$  and  $\langle y, z \rangle \in R$ .

We now state the proposition

(51) Let L be a relational structure and X be a subset of L. Suppose X is directed w.r.t. the internal relation of L. Then X is directed.

Let L be a relational structure, let X be a set, let x be an element of L, and let R be a binary relation on the carrier of L. We say that x is maximal w.r.t. X, R if and only if:

(Def. 24)  $x \in X$  and it is not true that there exists an element y of L such that  $y \in X$  and  $y \neq x$  and  $\langle x, y \rangle \in R$ .

Let L be a relational structure, let X be a set, and let x be an element of L. We say that x is maximal in X if and only if:

(Def. 25) x is maximal w.r.t. X, the internal relation of L.

One can prove the following proposition

- (52) Let L be a relational structure, X be a set, and x be an element of L. Then x is maximal in X if and only if the following conditions are satisfied:
  - (i)  $x \in X$ , and
  - (ii) it is not true that there exists an element y of L such that  $y \in X$  and x < y.

Let L be a relational structure, let X be a set, let x be an element of L, and let R be a binary relation on the carrier of L. We say that x is minimal w.r.t. X, R if and only if:

(Def. 26)  $x \in X$  and it is not true that there exists an element y of L such that  $y \in X$  and  $y \neq x$  and  $\langle y, x \rangle \in R$ .

Let L be a relational structure, let X be a set, and let x be an element of L. We say that x is minimal in X if and only if:

(Def. 27) x is minimal w.r.t. X, the internal relation of L.

We now state several propositions:

- (53) Let L be a relational structure, X be a set, and x be an element of L. Then x is minimal in X if and only if the following conditions are satisfied:
  - (i)  $x \in X$ , and
  - (ii) it is not true that there exists an element y of L such that  $y \in X$  and x > y.
- (54) If  $A_1$  satisfies strong interpolation property, then for every x such that there exists y which is maximal w.r.t.  $\downarrow_{A_1} x$ ,  $A_1$  holds  $\langle x, x \rangle \in A_1$ .
- (55) If for every x such that there exists y which is maximal w.r.t.  $\downarrow_{A_1} x$ ,  $A_1$  holds  $\langle x, x \rangle \in A_1$ , then  $A_1$  satisfies strong interpolation property.
- (56) If  $A_1$  satisfies interpolation property, then for every x holds  $\downarrow_{A_1} x$  is directed w.r.t.  $A_1$ .
- (57) If for every x holds  $\downarrow_{A_1} x$  is directed w.r.t.  $A_1$ , then  $A_1$  satisfies interpolation property.
- (58) Let R be an approximating auxiliary binary relation on L. Suppose R satisfies interpolation property. Then R satisfies strong interpolation property.

Let us consider L. One can verify that every approximating auxiliary binary relation on L which satisfies interpolation property satisfies also strong interpolation property.

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