

## MODULAR LAW AND THE GEOMETRY OF THORN FORKING

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ABSTRACT. This is a brief note of [Y1]. We mention that modular law for algebraic closure<sup>eq</sup> is equivalent to rosiness and one-basedness with respect to thorn forking. It is known that modular law for algebraic closure<sup>eq</sup> is equivalent to base monotonicity for algebraic independence. Joonhee Kim shows that if Kim-forking has base monotonicity, then Kim-forking coincides with forking. We pose questions about Kim-forking without base monotonicity. We are writing [Y1], so we omit proofs of facts which will appear there.

## 1. AXIOMS OF STRICT INDEPENDENCE RELATIONS.

Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be a sufficiently saturated model of a complete  $L$ -theory  $T$ . Let  $\bar{a}$  be a finite tuple of  $\mathcal{M}$ .  $e \in \mathcal{M}^{\text{eq}}$  iff  $e = (\bar{a})_E$ , where  $E(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$  is an  $\emptyset$ -definable equivalence relation with  $\text{lh}(\bar{a}) = \text{lh}(\bar{x}) = \text{lh}(\bar{y})$  and some  $\bar{a} \subset \mathcal{M}$ . For  $e \in \mathcal{M}^{\text{eq}}$  and  $A \subset \mathcal{M}^{\text{eq}}$  we write  $e \in \text{acl}^{\text{eq}}(A)$  if  $|\{\sigma(e) : \sigma \in \text{Aut}(\mathcal{M}^{\text{eq}}/A)\}|$  is finite. We write  $e \in \text{dcl}^{\text{eq}}(A)$  if  $|\{\sigma(e) : \sigma \in \text{Aut}(\mathcal{M}^{\text{eq}}/A)\}| = 1$ . For  $B' := \sigma(B)$  with  $\sigma \in \text{Aut}(\mathcal{M}^{\text{eq}}/A)$  we write that  $B' \equiv_A B$  or  $B' \models \text{tp}(B/A)$ .

H.Adler [A] introduces a strict independence relation  $* \downarrow_* *$  for triplet of small subsets of  $\mathcal{M}^{\text{eq}}$  satisfying (1)-(9):

- (1) invariance: If  $A \downarrow_B C$  and  $\text{tp}(ABC) = \text{tp}(A'B'C')$ , then  $A' \downarrow_{B'} C'$ .
- (2) monotonicity: If  $A \downarrow_B C$ ,  $A' \subseteq A$  and  $C' \subseteq C$ , then  $A' \downarrow_B C'$ .
- (3) RIGHT BASE MONOTONICITY: If  $A \downarrow_B D$  and  $B \subseteq C \subseteq D$ , then  $A \downarrow_C D$ . This property is very important for this paper.
- (4) left transitivity: If  $B \subseteq C \subseteq D$ ,  $D \downarrow_C A$  and  $C \downarrow_B A$ , then  $D \downarrow_B A$ .
- (5) left normality:  $A \downarrow_B C$  implies  $AB \downarrow_B C$ .
- (6) left extension: If  $A \downarrow_B C$  and  $C \subseteq D$ , then there exists  $A' \models \text{tp}(A/BC)$  such that  $A' \downarrow_B D$ .
- (7) left finite character: If  $\bar{a} \downarrow_B C$  for any finite tuple  $\bar{a} \subset A$ , then  $A \downarrow_B C$ .
- (8) local character: For any  $A$  there exists a cardinal  $\kappa(A)$  such that, for any  $B$ , there exists  $B_0 \subseteq B$  with  $|B_0| < \kappa(A)$  and  $A \downarrow_{B_0} B$ .
- (9) anti-reflexivity:  $A \downarrow_B A$  implies  $A \subseteq \text{acl}^{\text{eq}}(B)$ .

$T$  is said to be *rosy* if there exists a strict independence relation on  $\mathcal{M}^{\text{eq}}$ . Theorem 1.14 in [A] shows that (1)-(8) imply symmetry:  $A \downarrow_B C \Leftrightarrow C \downarrow_B A$ .

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From now on we work in a saturated rosy eq-structure  $(\mathcal{M}^{\text{eq}}, \downarrow)$ . We use the following fact (Remark 2.1 in [Y]) by symmetry and (1)-(8) except (7). But symmetry needs (7).

**Fact 1.1.** *For any  $A, B, C \subset \mathcal{M}^{\text{eq}}$  we have  $A \downarrow_B C$  iff  $\text{acl}^{\text{eq}}(A) \downarrow_{\text{acl}^{\text{eq}}(B)} \text{acl}^{\text{eq}}(C)$ .*

**Question 1.2.** *Is this fact true for any NSOP<sub>1</sub> theory  $(\mathcal{M}^{\text{eq}}, \downarrow^{K,f})$  having existence property for  $\downarrow^f$ ?*

## 2. ALGEBRAIC INDEPENDENCE RELATION

Here we introduce three conditions on any ternary relation  $\downarrow_*$  for the later argument.

- Definition 2.1.**
- (1) *We say that  $\downarrow$  has the existence if  $\bar{a} \downarrow_A A$  for any  $\bar{a}, A \subset \mathcal{M}^{\text{eq}}$ .*
  - (2) *We say that  $\downarrow$  has the full existence if for any  $A$  and  $B \subseteq C$  in  $\mathcal{M}^{\text{eq}}$  there exists  $A' \models \text{tp}(A/B)$  such that  $A' \downarrow_B C$ .*
  - (3) *We say that  $\downarrow$  has the right extensibility if  $\bar{a} \downarrow_B C$  and  $B \subseteq C \subseteq D$  implies there exists  $A' \models \text{tp}(A/C)$  such that  $A' \downarrow_B D$  in  $\mathcal{M}^{\text{eq}}$ .*

**Remark 2.2.** *Suppose that invariance and right transitivity of  $\downarrow$ . Then the following are equivalent.*

- (1) *the full existence of  $\downarrow$ .*
- (2) *the existence of  $\downarrow$  and right extensibility of  $\downarrow$*

*Proof.* ((1)  $\Leftarrow$  (2)) is clear. ((1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2)) : Suppose that  $B \subseteq C \subseteq D$  and  $A \downarrow_B C$ . The full existence implies there exists  $A' \models \text{tp}(A/C)$  such that  $A' \downarrow_C D$ . As  $A' \downarrow_B C$  by invariance, the right transitivity implies  $A' \downarrow_B D$ .  $\square$

The full existence property for algebraic independence relation  $\downarrow^a$  is firstly shown by H.Adler [A1].

The definition of algebraic independence relation:  

$$A \downarrow_C^a B \Leftrightarrow_{\text{def}} \text{acl}^{\text{eq}}(AC) \cap \text{acl}^{\text{eq}}(BC) = \text{acl}^{\text{eq}}(C).$$

W.Johnson gives a different proof of the full existence condition for  $\downarrow^a$  from H.Adler's one by using B.H.Neumann lemma (Lemma 4.2.1 on pp.140 in [H]). A.Tsuboi gives a transparent proof of the full existence property for algebraic independence relation.

## 3. FACTS ON MODULAR LAW

- Fact 3.1.**
- (1) *Put  $A' = \text{acl}^{\text{eq}}(A), B' = \text{acl}^{\text{eq}}(B)$ . Then  $\text{acl}^{\text{eq}}(AB) = \text{acl}^{\text{eq}}(A'B')$ . On the other hand, we have  $\text{acl}^{\text{eq}}(A' \cap B') = A' \cap B'$  and  $\text{acl}^{\text{eq}}(A \cap B) \subseteq A' \cap B'$ . We do not know  $\text{acl}^{\text{eq}}(A \cap B) \supseteq A' \cap B'$ .*
  - (2) *The algebraic independence relation  $\downarrow^a$  is a strict independence relation except RIGHT BASE MONOTONICITY. See [A1].*
  - (3)  *$A \downarrow_B^a C$  iff  $\text{acl}^{\text{eq}}(A) \downarrow_{\text{acl}^{\text{eq}}(B)}^a \text{acl}^{\text{eq}}(C)$  for any  $A, B, C \subset \mathcal{M}^{\text{eq}}$ .*
  - (4) *BASE MONOTONICITY of  $\downarrow^a$  :  $A \downarrow_B^a D$  and  $B \subseteq C \subseteq D$  implies  $A \downarrow_C^a D$  is equivalent to MODULAR LAW for  $\text{acl}^{\text{eq}}$  :  $D \cap \text{acl}^{\text{eq}}(AC) = \text{acl}^{\text{eq}}((A \cap D)C) = \text{acl}^{\text{eq}}(D \cap AC)$  holds for any algebraically closed  $A, C, D \subset \mathcal{M}^{\text{eq}}$  with  $C \subseteq D$ . And we may assume that  $A, B, C, D$  are algebraically closed in  $\mathcal{M}^{\text{eq}}$  by (3).*

- (5) If  $(\mathcal{M}^{\text{eq}}, \downarrow)$  is one-based and has base monotonicity and anti-reflexivity, then modular law follows.
- (6)  $A \downarrow_B^m D$  denotes  $A \downarrow_C^a D$  for any  $C \subset \mathcal{M}^{\text{eq}}$  such that  $B \subseteq C \subseteq \text{acl}^{\text{eq}}(BD)$  i.e. Modular law holds. Then  $\downarrow^m \Rightarrow \downarrow^a$ , and  $\downarrow^a$  has BASE MONOTONICITY iff  $\downarrow^a = \downarrow^m$ .
- (7) For any ternary relation  $* \downarrow_* *$ , we define  $\downarrow^*$  as follows:  $A \downarrow_B^* C$  denotes for any  $D \supseteq C$  there exists  $A'$  such that  $A' \equiv_{BC} A$  such that  $A' \downarrow_B D$ . i.e.  $\downarrow^*$  is an extensible independence relation for  $\downarrow$ . We have that  $\downarrow^* \Rightarrow \downarrow$ ,  $\downarrow = \downarrow^*$  iff  $\downarrow$  satisfies right extensibility. And  $\downarrow^{d^*} = \downarrow^f$  and  $\downarrow^{m^*}$  is the thorn forking relation  $\downarrow^p$ .
- (8) We have  $\downarrow \Rightarrow \downarrow^p (:= \downarrow^{m^*}) \Rightarrow \downarrow^m \Rightarrow \downarrow^a$  for a strict independence relation  $\downarrow$ .
- (9)  $\downarrow^a = \downarrow^{a^*}$  by Remark 2.2 and the full existence of algebraic independence.
- (10) Suppose that  $(\mathcal{M}^{\text{eq}}, \downarrow)$  is rosy and  $\downarrow$ -weak canonical base exists for any strong type. Then  $\downarrow = \downarrow^p$  by Theorem 3.3 in [A].

*Proof.* (1) Note that  $A'B' \subseteq \text{acl}^{\text{eq}}(A'B') \subseteq \text{acl}^{\text{eq}}(AB)$  since  $A'B' \subseteq \text{acl}^{\text{eq}}(AB)$ . On the other hand, as  $AB \subseteq A'B'$ , we have  $\text{acl}^{\text{eq}}(AB) \subseteq \text{acl}^{\text{eq}}(A'B')$ .

(2): See [A1]. (3): Put  $A' := \text{acl}^{\text{eq}}(A)$ ,  $B' = \text{acl}^{\text{eq}}(B)$ ,  $C' = \text{acl}^{\text{eq}}(C)$ . By (1) we have  $\text{acl}^{\text{eq}}(AC) = \text{acl}^{\text{eq}}(A'C')$ , so we see that  $A \downarrow_C^a B$  iff  $A' \downarrow_{C'}^a B'$ .

(4): It is shown in [A], but we give the proof. We only consider algebraically closed subsets in  $\mathcal{M}^{\text{eq}}$  by (3).

Base monotonicity implies modular law : We have  $A \downarrow_{A \cap D}^a D$ . By base monotonicity and  $C \subseteq D$ , we have  $A \downarrow_{(A \cap D)C}^a D$ , which implies  $D \cap \text{acl}^{\text{eq}}(AC) = \text{acl}^{\text{eq}}((A \cap D)C)$ .

Modular law implies base monotonicity: Suppose that  $A \downarrow_B D$  and  $B \subseteq C \subseteq D$ .  $C \subseteq D \cap \text{acl}^{\text{eq}}(AC) = \text{acl}^{\text{eq}}((D \cap A)C)$  by modular law. As  $\text{acl}^{\text{eq}}(AB) \cap D = B$ , we have  $C \subseteq \text{acl}^{\text{eq}}(AC \cap D) = \text{acl}^{\text{eq}}((D \cap A)C) \subseteq \text{acl}^{\text{eq}}(BC) = C$ . So we see  $A \downarrow_C^a D$  as desired. (5): Clear. (6) (7) (8) (9) (10) : See [A].  $\square$

#### 4. A NEW CHARACTERIZATION OF MODULAR LAW

The definition of one-basedness for  $\downarrow$ :  $D \downarrow_{D \cap A} A$  for any  $A = \text{acl}^{\text{eq}}(A)$ ,  $D = \text{acl}^{\text{eq}}(D) \subset \mathcal{M}^{\text{eq}}$ . Note that  $(\mathcal{M}^{\text{eq}}, \downarrow^a)$  is always one-based.

We show the following fact in [Y1], so we omit its proof.

- Fact 4.1.** (1) Modular law holds (iff  $\downarrow^a = \downarrow^m$ ) iff  $\downarrow^a = \downarrow^p$  with rosiness iff  $(\mathcal{M}^{\text{eq}}, \downarrow^p)$  is rosy one-based.
- (2) Let  $(\mathcal{M}^{\text{eq}}, \downarrow)$  be rosy. The following are equivalent.
- $(\mathcal{M}^{\text{eq}}, \downarrow)$  is one-based.
  - $\downarrow = \downarrow^a = \downarrow^p$ .
  - $\downarrow^a = \downarrow^m$  and the existence of  $\downarrow$ -weak canonical base for any strong type.
- (3) Question : Find a rosy non one-based  $(\mathcal{M}^{\text{eq}}, \downarrow)$  such that  $(\mathcal{M}^{\text{eq}}, \downarrow^p)$  is one-based. Can we find it as a non one-based treeless  $(\mathcal{M}^{\text{eq}}, \downarrow^{G,S})$ ? Here  $\downarrow^{G,S} (\Rightarrow \downarrow^p)$  is the generic stability independence in treeless theories. See [KRS].

- (4)  $(\mathcal{M}^{\text{eq}}, \downarrow^a)$  is always CM-trivial.  
 (5) If  $(\mathcal{M}^{\text{eq}}, \downarrow)$  is rosy and CM-trivial, then modular law holds iff  $\downarrow = \downarrow^{\text{p}} = \downarrow^a$ .

## 5. TOPICS RELATED TO GEOMETRIC ELIMINATION OF IMAGINARY

We say that  $T$  has GEI if for any  $e = (\bar{a})_E \in \mathcal{M}^{\text{eq}}$  there exists a finite real tuple  $\bar{b} \subset \mathcal{M}$  such that  $\text{acl}^{\text{eq}}(e) = \text{acl}^{\text{eq}}(\bar{b})$ .

**Definition 5.1.** We say that  $T$  has *quasi-GEI* if we have

$$\text{acl}^{\text{eq}}(\text{acl}(A) \cap \text{acl}(B)) = \text{acl}^{\text{eq}}(A) \cap \text{acl}^{\text{eq}}(B)$$

for any  $A, B \subset \mathcal{M}$ . “ $\subseteq$ ” always holds.

Put  $X = \varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{a})^{\mathcal{M}}$ , a definable set over  $\bar{a}$ . Let

$$E_{\varphi}(\bar{y}, \bar{z}) \equiv \forall \bar{x}(\varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \leftrightarrow \varphi(\bar{x}, \bar{z})).$$

$\lceil X \rceil := (\bar{a})_{E_{\varphi}}$ , the canonical parameter of  $X$  in  $\mathcal{M}^{\text{eq}}$ .

We say  $X$  is almost definable over  $A = \text{acl}(A) \subset \mathcal{M}$  if  $\lceil X \rceil \in \text{acl}^{\text{eq}}(A)$ .

**Fact 5.2.** *The following are equivalent.*

- (1) *GEI*
- (2) *Quasi-GEI*
- (3) *If  $A = \text{acl}(A), B = \text{acl}(B) \subset \mathcal{M}$ ,  $X$  is almost definable over both  $A$  and  $B$ , then  $X$  is almost definable over  $A \cap B$ .*

**Definition 5.3.** (1) We say that  $\mathcal{M}$  has modular law in the real sort if  $\text{acl}^{\text{eq}}(D) \cap \text{acl}^{\text{eq}}(AC) = \text{acl}^{\text{eq}}((A \cap D)C) = \text{acl}^{\text{eq}}(D \cap AC)$  holds for any  $A = \text{acl}(A), C = \text{acl}(C) \subseteq D = \text{acl}(D) \subset \mathcal{M}$ .  
 (2) We say that  $\mathcal{M}^{\text{eq}}$  has quasi-modular law if we have that  $\text{acl}^{\text{eq}}(\text{acl}(D) \cap \text{acl}(AC)) \subseteq \text{acl}^{\text{eq}}(\text{acl}^{\text{eq}}(D) \cap (\text{acl}^{\text{eq}}(A)\text{acl}^{\text{eq}}(C)))$  for any  $A, C, D \subset \mathcal{M}$  with  $C \subseteq D$ .

We show the following fact in [Y1].

**Fact 5.4.** (1) *Modular law and GEI iff modular law in the real sort.*  
 (2) *Modular law implies quasi-modular law.*  
 (3) *Quasi-modular law and GEI implies modular law.*

**Remark 5.5.** (1)  $(\mathcal{M}, \downarrow^{\text{p}})$  is modular iff modular law in the real sort by Proposition 4.1.1 and Fact 5.4.1.  
 (2) *Weak one-basedness does not imply quasi-modular law : Consider Peterzil’s o-minimal theory  $T = \text{Th}(\mathbb{R}, <, +, 0, 1, \pi|(-1, 1))$  with CF-property, (G)EI and a strong type without its weak canonical base. If  $T$  had quasi-modular law,  $T$  would be one-based by Fact 5.4.3, a contradiction.*  
 (3) *Question: Does quasi-modular law imply weak one-basedness?*  
 (4) *CM-triviality in the real sort and quasi-modular law implies modularity with respect to  $\downarrow^{\text{p}}$ , since CM-triviality in the real sort implies GEI. K.Ikeda’s  $\omega$ -categorical strictly stable Fraïssé limit hypergraph do not have quasi-modular law.*  
 (5) *Question: Does D.Evans’  $\omega$ -categorical SU rank one CM-trivial structure without GEI have quasi-modular law? If so, modular law strictly implies quasi-modular law.*

## 6. QUESTIONS

- Question 6.1.** (1) Find one-based  $(\mathcal{M}^{\text{eq}}, \downarrow)$  without base monotonicity, so  $(\mathcal{M}^{\text{eq}}, \downarrow)$  is not rosy. Can we find it in  $\text{NSOP}_1(\mathcal{M}^{\text{eq}}, \downarrow^{K,f})$ ?  
We have  $\downarrow^f \Rightarrow \downarrow^{K,f}$ .
- (2) We have  $\downarrow \Rightarrow \downarrow^{\text{p}}(:= \downarrow^{m^*}) \Rightarrow \downarrow^m \Rightarrow \downarrow^a$  for a strict independence relation  $\downarrow$ . If  $\downarrow^a = \downarrow^m$ , then  $\downarrow^a = \downarrow^{a^*} = \downarrow^{m^*} =: \downarrow^{\text{p}}$  and rosiness follows. Non-rosiness implies  $\downarrow^a \neq \downarrow^m$ . Non one-based rosy theories with the existence of weak canonical base for any strong type are rosy theories with  $\downarrow^a \neq \downarrow^m$  by Proposition 4.1.(2).
- (3) Peterzil's non one-based o-minimal theory with CF-property having a strong type without its weak canonical base have  $\downarrow^a \neq \downarrow^m$  by Proposition 4.1 (1).
- (4) Find a  $\downarrow$ -rosy theory with  $\downarrow^a = \downarrow^m$  but without  $\downarrow$ -weak canonical base for a strong type. Note that it is not one-based with respect to  $\downarrow$  by Proposition 4.1 (2).
- (5) Any simple theory with elimination of hyperimaginaries is rosy with  $\text{NSOP}_1$ . Any o-minimal theory is rosy with  $\text{SOP}_1$ . Find an  $\text{NSOP}_1$  theory without rosiness, a candidate is the Džamonja-Shelah's theory  $T_{\text{feq}}^*$  which is  $\text{NSOP}_1$  not simple by [DS].
- (6) Conjecture: Simplicity (with elimination of hyperimaginaries) =  $\text{NSOP}_1 + \text{rosiness}$ .
- (7) Fact: In treeless theories, the generic stability independence relation  $\downarrow^{G,S}$  is considered. See [KRS].  
(a) Stability implies treelessness implies rosiness.  
(b) Treelessness +  $\text{NSOP}_1$  implies simplicity. So  $T_{\text{feq}}^*$  is not treeless.
- (8) Joonhee Kim shows that if  $\downarrow^f$  has existence, then  $\downarrow^{K,f} \Rightarrow \downarrow^a$  by [K].  
S.Mutchnik's question : Suppose that  $\downarrow^{K,f} = \downarrow^a$  in an  $\text{NSOP}_1$  theory  $T$ . Does  $\downarrow^f$  have the existence property? In general, if  $\downarrow^{K,f}$  has base monotonicity,  $\downarrow^{K,f} = \downarrow^f$  follows by [K]. As  $\downarrow^f$  has base monotonicity by Lemma 1.17 and Lemma 1.22 in [A],  $\downarrow^{K,f}$  has base monotonicity iff  $\downarrow^{K,f} = \downarrow^f$ . If  $\downarrow^{K,f} = \downarrow^a$  has base monotonicity, then  $\downarrow^{K,f} = \downarrow^f = \downarrow^a = \downarrow^{\text{p}}$  and  $\downarrow^f$  has the existence property. So we need to consider the case that  $\downarrow^{K,f}$  does not have base monotonicity.
- (9) In  $\text{NSOP}_1$  theories,  $\downarrow^f$  has the existence iff  $\downarrow^{K,f}$  has base monotonicity? "If" is true because  $\downarrow^f = \downarrow^{K,f}$  (by [K]) has the existence property in  $\text{NSOP}_1$  theories by [KKL]. "Only if" is open.
- (10) Find  $\text{SOP}_1$  theories without rosiness. There are definably complete locally o-minimal theories without rosiness : Fujita introduces the discrete closure which has dimension [F]. The independence relation by discrete closure does not have anti-reflexivity because  $\dim(a/A) = 0$  iff  $a$  is a realization of a discrete closed formula over  $A$ . We do not know whether  $a \in \text{acl}(A)$  or not. Find such a theory with  $\text{NSOP}$ . Recall that  $\text{SOP} \Rightarrow \text{SOP}_{n+1} \Rightarrow \text{SOP}_n \Rightarrow \text{SOP}_3 \Rightarrow \text{SOP}_2 \Leftrightarrow \text{SOP}_1$  for any  $n \geq 4$ .

## 7. APPENDIX BETWEEN IMAGINARY SETS AND REAL SETS

We also show the following fact in [Y1].

**Fact 7.1.** (1)'s are Poizat's style. (2)'s are Pillay's style. (3)'s are new.

The following are characterizations of *E.I.*

- (1) *EI* : Any definable set  $X$  has the smallest definably closed set  $B \subset \mathcal{M}$  such that  $X$  is definable over  $B$ .
- (2) For any  $e \in \mathcal{M}^{\text{eq}}$  there exists real tuple  $\bar{b} \subset \mathcal{M}$  such that  $\text{dcl}^{\text{eq}}(e) = \text{dcl}^{\text{eq}}(\bar{b})$ .
- (3) For any  $A, B \subset \mathcal{M}$  we have  $\text{dcl}^{\text{eq}}(A) \cap \text{dcl}^{\text{eq}}(B) = \text{dcl}^{\text{eq}}(\text{dcl}(A) \cap \text{dcl}(B))$ .

The following are characterizations of *WEI*.

- (1) *WEI* : Any definable set  $X$  has the smallest algebraically closed set  $B \subset \mathcal{M}$  such that  $X$  is definable over  $B$ .
- (2) For any  $e \in \mathcal{M}^{\text{eq}}$  there exists real tuple  $\bar{b} \subset \mathcal{M}$  such that  $e \in \text{dcl}^{\text{eq}}(\bar{b})$  and  $\bar{b} \in \text{acl}^{\text{eq}}(e)$ .
- (3) For any  $A, B \subset \mathcal{M}$  we have  $\text{dcl}^{\text{eq}}(\text{acl}(A)) \cap \text{dcl}^{\text{eq}}(\text{acl}(B)) = \text{dcl}^{\text{eq}}(\text{acl}(A) \cap \text{acl}(B))$ .

The following are characterizations of *GEI*.

- (1) *GEI* : Any definable set  $X$  has the smallest algebraically closed set  $B \subset \mathcal{M}$  such that  $X$  is almost definable over  $B$ .
- (2) For any  $e \in \mathcal{M}^{\text{eq}}$  there exists real tuple  $\bar{b} \subset \mathcal{M}$  such that  $\text{acl}^{\text{eq}}(e) = \text{acl}^{\text{eq}}(\bar{b})$ .
- (3) For any  $A, B \subset \mathcal{M}$  we have  $\text{acl}^{\text{eq}}(A) \cap \text{acl}^{\text{eq}}(B) = \text{acl}^{\text{eq}}(\text{acl}(A) \cap \text{acl}(B))$ .

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