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Fixed-place ideals in commutative rings

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Abstract: Let I be a semi-prime ideal. Then $P_o \in \text{Min}(I)$ is called irredundant with respect to I if $I \neq \bigcap_{P_o \neq P \in \text{Min}(I)} P$. If I is the intersection of all irredundant ideals with respect to I , it is called a fixed-place ideal. If there are no irredundant ideals with respect to I , it is called an anti fixed-place ideal. We show that each semi-prime ideal has a unique representation as an intersection of a fixed-place ideal and an anti fixed-place ideal. We say the point $p \in \beta X$ is a fixed-place point if $O^p(X)$ is a fixed-place ideal. In this situation the fixed-place rank of p , denoted by $\text{FP-rank}_X(p)$, is defined as the cardinal of the set of all irredundant prime ideals with respect to $O^p(X)$. Let p be a fixed-place point, it is shown that $\text{FP-rank}_X(p) = \eta$ if and only if there is a family $\{Y_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$ of cozero sets of X such that: 1- $|A| = \eta$, 2- $p \in \text{cl}_{\beta X} Y_\alpha$ for each $\alpha \in A$, 3- $p \notin \text{cl}_{\beta X}(Y_\alpha \cap Y_\beta)$ if $\alpha \neq \beta$ and 4- η is the greatest cardinal with the above properties. In this case p is an F -point with respect to Y_α for any $\alpha \in A$.

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