

④ " $\Leftarrow$ " Let's prove  $M_1 = M_2^*$  if the partition condition holds. Let  $B \in \mathcal{B}_1$  be a base  $\Rightarrow cl_1(B) = E$ . Recall that  $I \in \mathcal{I}_0 \Leftrightarrow x \notin cl_*(I-x) \quad \forall x \in I$ . For  $e \in E-B$ ,

The partition  $(\{e\}, B, E-B-e)$  yields  $e \notin cl_2(E-B-e) \Rightarrow E-B \in \mathcal{I}_2^*$ . ~~Suppose  $A \supset E-B$  is a base of  $M_2$ . Applying the same argument  $E-A \in \mathcal{I}_1$ . Now notice that  $E-A \in B$  and  $E-B \subset A \Rightarrow E-B = A \Rightarrow E-B$  is a base of  $M_2 \Rightarrow$~~

$B$  is a base of  $M_2^*$ . The same argument can be applied for  $B \in \mathcal{B}_2^* \Rightarrow B \in (\mathcal{B}_1^*)^* \Rightarrow B \in \mathcal{B}_1 \Rightarrow M_1 = M_2^*$

~~(\*)~~ (\*) Now let's prove  $cl_2(E-B) = E$ . Let  $x \in cl_2(E-B)$  and  $x \in B$ . If  $x \notin cl_2(E-B) \Rightarrow x \in cl_1(B-x)$  which is impossible since  $B$  is a base.  $\Rightarrow x \in cl_2(E-B) \Rightarrow cl_2(E-B) = E$ . Since  $E-B \in \mathcal{I}_2$  and  $cl_2(E-B) = E \Rightarrow E-B \in \mathcal{B}_2$  (If not then for  $A \in \mathcal{B}_2$   $A \supset E-B$ ,  $a \in A - (E-B)$  we have  $a \notin cl_2(E-B) \Rightarrow B$  base for  $M_2^*$ )

" $\Rightarrow$ " Suppose  $M_1 = M_2^*$ . Let  $(\{e\}, X, Y)$  be a disjoint partition of  $E \Rightarrow$  Let  $B_1 \in \mathcal{B}_{1,X}$  and  $B_2 \in \mathcal{B}_{2,Y}$ .

If  $e \notin cl_1(X) \Rightarrow B_1 \cup e \in \mathcal{B}_{1,X \cup \{e\}}$ . Suppose  $e \notin cl_2(Y)$   $B_2 \cup e \in \mathcal{B}_{2,Y \cup \{e\}}$ . Extend both by  $B_3$  and  $B_4$ .

so  $B_1 \cup e \cup B_3 \in \mathcal{B}_1$  and  $B_2 \cup e \cup B_4 \in \mathcal{B}_2$ .

$\Rightarrow (B_2 \cup e \cup B_4)^c \in \mathcal{B}_2^* \Rightarrow |E| - |B_2| - |e| - |B_4| = |B_1| + |e| +$

$|B_3|$ . This implies  $|B_1| + |B_2| + |B_3| + |B_4| + 2|e| = |E|$

and since  $|B_1| + |B_3| = |X|$  and  $|B_2| + |B_4| = |Y|$ .

$\Rightarrow |X| + |Y| + 2 = |E| \Rightarrow \Leftarrow$ , In the same manner

if  $e \in cl_1(X) \cap cl_2(Y) \Rightarrow |X| + |Y| = |E| \Rightarrow \Leftarrow$ .

So  $e$  belongs to exactly one of  $cl_1(X)$  or  $cl_2(Y)$ .