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- **Spec A is a spectral space**, for every commutative unital ring A (well known and easy).

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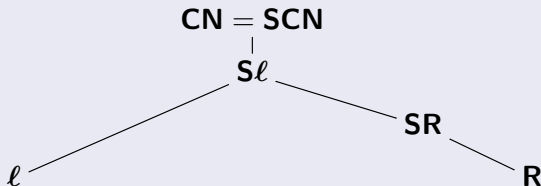
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- Most of the examples constructed for the theorem above involve the construction of **condensate** (Gillibert and W. 2011), which turns **diagram counterexamples** to **object counterexamples**, with a **jump of alephs** corresponding to the **order-dimension** of the poset indexing the diagram (thus \aleph_1 , \aleph_2 , and so on).

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- The counterexample is the ring R of all almost constant families $(x_\xi \mid \xi < \omega_1) \in K^{\omega_1}$ such that $x_\infty \in A$: **there is no Abelian ℓ -group G such that $\text{Spec}_r R \cong \text{Spec}_\ell G$** . This is partly due to Knebusch and Scheiderer's result.

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