Given a design problem $\mathbf{d}: \mathbf{P} \times \mathbf{R} \longrightarrow \mathbf{Q} \times \mathbf{R}$, its trace $\mathrm{Tr}^{\mathbf{R}}_{\mathbf{P},\mathbf{Q}}(\mathbf{d}): \mathbf{P} \longrightarrow \mathbf{Q}$ is

defined as follows:

Definition (Trace of a design problem)

 $\operatorname{Tr}_{\mathbf{P},\mathbf{O}}^{\mathbf{R}}(\mathbf{d}): \mathbf{P}^{\mathrm{op}} \times \mathbf{Q} \to_{\mathbf{Pos}} \mathbf{Bool},$

 $\langle p^*, \mathbf{q} \rangle \mapsto \sqrt{\mathbf{d}(\langle p, r \rangle^*, \langle \mathbf{q}, r \rangle)}.$