

Independence in arbitrary theories via automorphism groups and large cardinals

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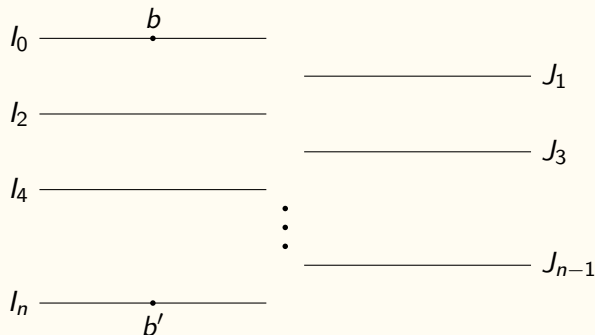
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Applications

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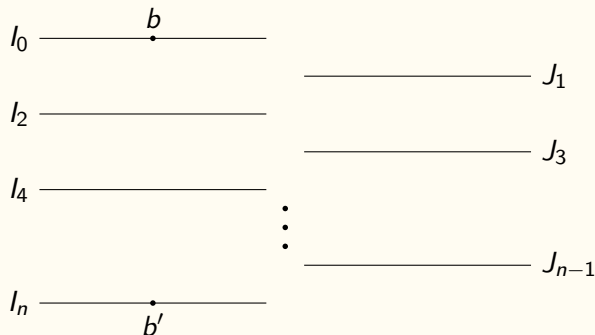
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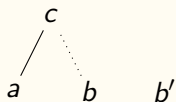
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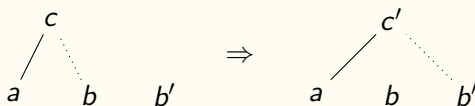


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Theorems (Shelah, Hrushovski, Kim–Pillay, Ben Yaacov–Chernikov, Kaplan–Ramsey, Simon, Dobrowolski–Kim–Ramsey, etc.)

(T nice, maybe) Let $\Sigma(x)$ be an A -invariant partial type satisfying a chain condition. Assume that $c \models \Sigma \upharpoonright Aab$ and $b \equiv_A^L b'$ and that a , b , and b' are sufficiently independent of one another. Then there exists a $c' \models \Sigma \upharpoonright Aab'$ such that $ac' \equiv_A ac$ and $b'c' \equiv_A bc$.



$\Sigma(x)$ is often a *generically prime* filter: If $(b_i)_{i < \omega}$ is A -indiscernible and $\Sigma(x) \vdash \varphi(x, b_0) \vee \varphi(x, b_1)$, then $\Sigma(x) \vdash \varphi(x, b_0)$.

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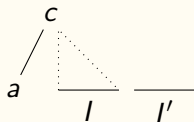
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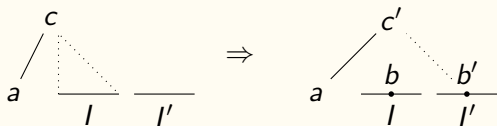
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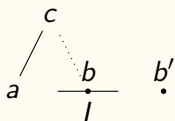
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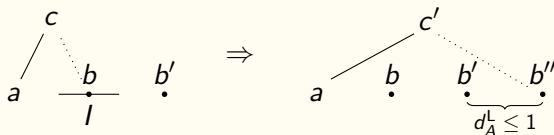
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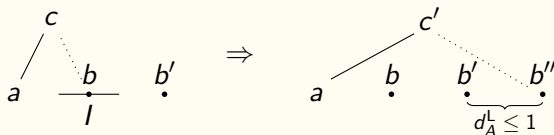
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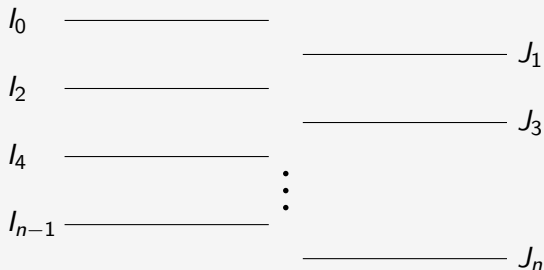
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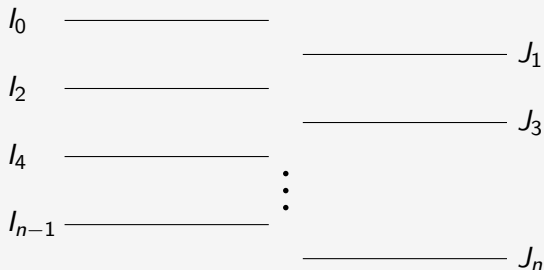
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