### Special coheirs and model-theoretic trees

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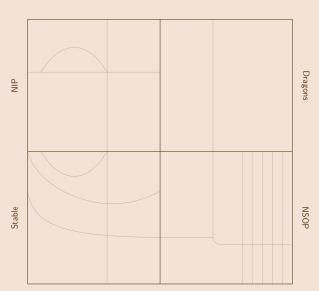
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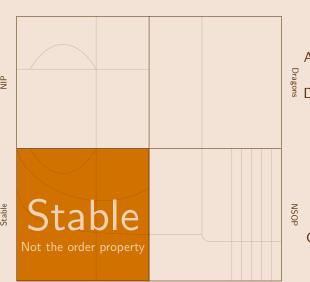
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- Started with Shelah's work generalizing Morley's theorem to uncountable languages. Ballooned into a large body of work called stability theory. Later extended and generalized under the title of neostability theory.



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Algebraically closed fields

Differentially closed fields

Vector spaces

Modules

Free groups

Curve graphs of surfaces



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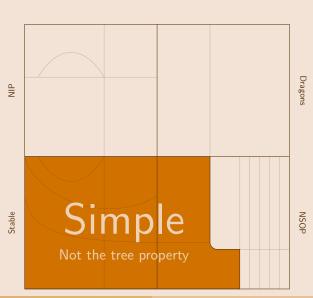
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*p*-adic numbers

Alg. closed valued fields

Field of transseries

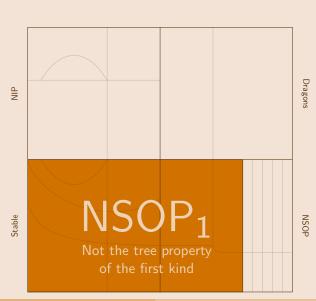


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Random graph

Pseudo-finite fields

Generic difference fields

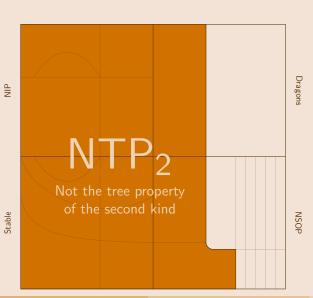


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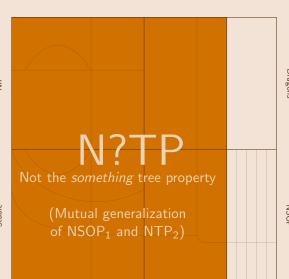
Generic parameterized equivalence relation



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Ultraproduct of  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ 

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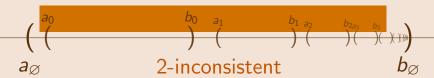
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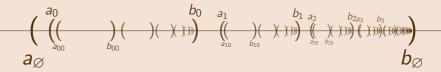
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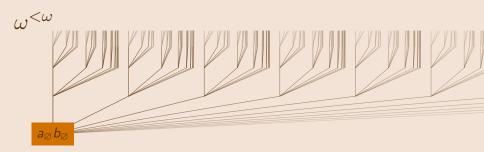
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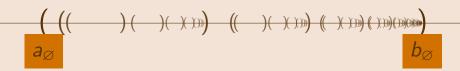
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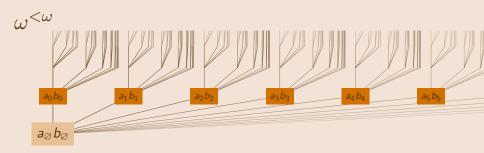




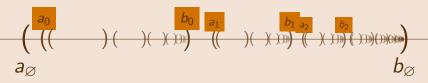


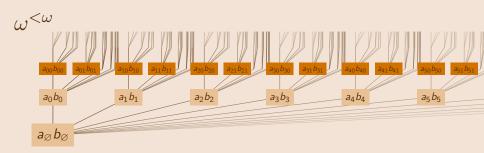




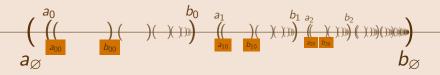


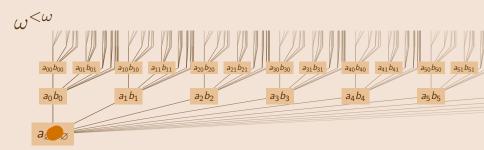
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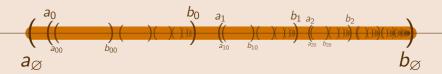


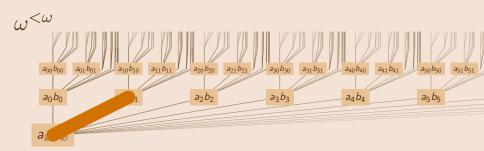
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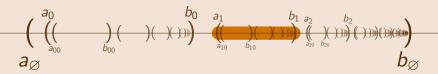


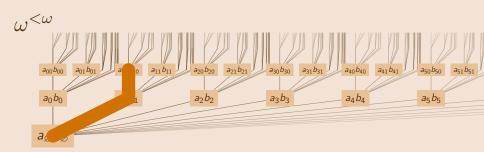
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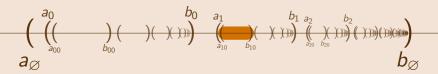


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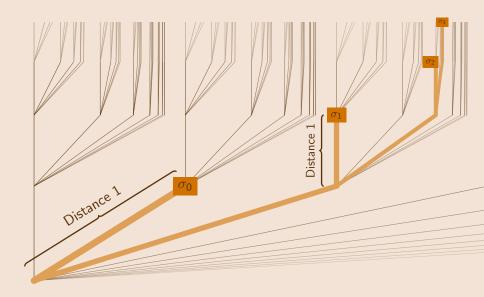
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$$(\mathbb{Q},<)$$
 has 2-SOP<sub>1</sub>

In our tree in  $(\mathbb{Q},<)$ , any pair of incomparable elements are inconsistent.

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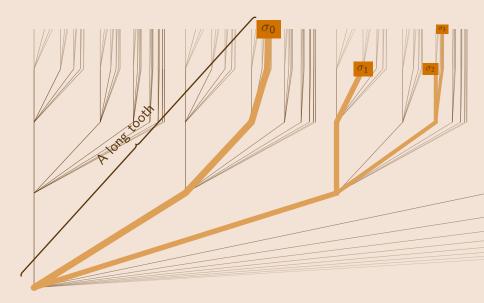
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Mutchnik established the following in his proof that  $NSOP_1 = NSOP_2$ .

## Theorem (Mutchnik)

The above condition without the switcheroo is equivalent to SOP<sub>1</sub>.

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The proof is entirely uniform in k, which leaves the following question.

#### Question

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### Characterization of CTP

## Theorem (H.)

A theory has k-CTP if and only if there is a model M, a formula  $\varphi(x,b)$ , and an M-heir-coheir  $\mathcal U$  and an M-coheir  $\mathcal V$  extending the type of b over M such that  $\varphi(x,b)$  k-divides along  $\mathcal V$  but does not divide along  $\mathcal U$ .

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We also have the following alphabetically frustrating implication:

$$ATP \Rightarrow CTP \Rightarrow BTP$$

where the *antichain tree property* or *ATP* is another candidate for ?TP, introduced by Ahn and Kim.

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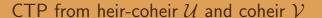
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Argue that if  $\mathcal{U}$  extends the type we built and a realizes  $\mathcal{U}$  over Mb, then every formula in the type of b over Ma is already finitely satisfiable in M by construction.

# Thank you

#### Comb definitions

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