

# Basis problems in set theory

Stevo Todorcevic

Leeds, August 3, 2016

# Outline

- ▶ What is a basis problem?
- ▶ Examples of basis problems
- ▶ Tukey classification problems
- ▶ Descriptive-theoretic basis results
- ▶ Basis results for  $n$ -gaps in  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})/\text{Fin}$
- ▶ Using Forcing to solve a basis problem
- ▶ Basis results for compact spaces
- ▶ Ramsey basis problems
- ▶ Canonical relations
- ▶ Ramsey degrees
- ▶ Topological dynamics

What is a basis problem?

# What is a basis problem?

## Problem

*Suppose  $\mathcal{K}_0$  is a downwards closed subclass of a given quasi-ordered class  $(\mathcal{K}, \leq)$ . Can one characterize  $\mathcal{K}_0$  by forbidding finitely many members of  $\mathcal{K}$ ?*

# What is a basis problem?

## Problem

Suppose  $\mathcal{K}_0$  is a downwards closed subclass of a given quasi-ordered class  $(\mathcal{K}, \leq)$ . Can one characterize  $\mathcal{K}_0$  by forbidding finitely many members of  $\mathcal{K}$ ?

## Example

- ▶ Can one characterize in this way the class of all **finite** linear orderings in the class of all linear orderings?

# What is a basis problem?

## Problem

Suppose  $\mathcal{K}_0$  is a downwards closed subclass of a given quasi-ordered class  $(\mathcal{K}, \leq)$ . Can one characterize  $\mathcal{K}_0$  by forbidding finitely many members of  $\mathcal{K}$ ?

## Example

- ▶ Can one characterize in this way the class of all **finite** linear orderings in the class of all linear orderings?
- ▶ Can one characterize in this way the class of **countable** linear orderings in the class of all linear orderings?

# What is a basis problem?

## Problem

Suppose  $\mathcal{K}_0$  is a downwards closed subclass of a given quasi-ordered class  $(\mathcal{K}, \leq)$ . Can one characterize  $\mathcal{K}_0$  by forbidding finitely many members of  $\mathcal{K}$ ?

## Example

- ▶ Can one characterize in this way the class of all **finite** linear orderings in the class of all linear orderings?
- ▶ Can one characterize in this way the class of **countable** linear orderings in the class of all linear orderings?
- ▶ Can one characterize in this way the class of **metrizable compact spaces** in the class of all compact spaces?

# What is a basis problem?

## Problem

Suppose  $\mathcal{K}_0$  is a downwards closed subclass of a given quasi-ordered class  $(\mathcal{K}, \leq)$ . Can one characterize  $\mathcal{K}_0$  by forbidding finitely many members of  $\mathcal{K}$ ?

## Example

- ▶ Can one characterize in this way the class of all **finite** linear orderings in the class of all linear orderings?
- ▶ Can one characterize in this way the class of **countable** linear orderings in the class of all linear orderings?
- ▶ Can one characterize in this way the class of **metrizable compact spaces** in the class of all compact spaces?

## Definition

Given a quasi-ordered class  $(\mathcal{K}, \leq)$  of (relational) structures of the same type, we say that  $\mathcal{K}_0 \subseteq \mathcal{K}$  is a **basis** of  $\mathcal{K}$  if for every  $K \in \mathcal{K}$  there is  $K_0 \in \mathcal{K}_0$  such that  $K_0 \leq K$ .



# Linear orderings

# Linear orderings

## Proposition

*The class of **infinite** linear orderings has basis  $\{\omega^*, \omega\}$ .*

# Linear orderings

## Proposition

The class of **infinite** linear orderings has basis  $\{\omega^*, \omega\}$ .

## Corollary

The class of **finite** linear orderings is equal to  $\{\omega^*, \omega\}^\perp$ .

# Linear orderings

## Proposition

*The class of **infinite** linear orderings has basis  $\{\omega^*, \omega\}$ .*

## Corollary

*The class of **finite** linear orderings is equal to  $\{\omega^*, \omega\}^\perp$ .*

## Theorem (Laver, 1971)

**Every class of  $\sigma$ -scattered linear orderings has a finite basis.**

# Linear orderings

## Proposition

The class of **infinite** linear orderings has basis  $\{\omega^*, \omega\}$ .

## Corollary

The class of **finite** linear orderings is equal to  $\{\omega^*, \omega\}^\perp$ .

## Theorem (Laver, 1971)

**Every** class of  $\sigma$ -**scattered** linear orderings has a **finite basis**.

## Theorem (Martinez-Ranero, 2011)

*PFA* implies that **every** class of **Aronszajn orderings** has a **finite basis**.

# Linear orderings

## Proposition

The class of **infinite** linear orderings has basis  $\{\omega^*, \omega\}$ .

## Corollary

The class of **finite** linear orderings is equal to  $\{\omega^*, \omega\}^\perp$ .

## Theorem (Laver, 1971)

**Every** class of  $\sigma$ -**scattered** linear orderings has a **finite basis**.

## Theorem (Martinez-Ranero, 2011)

*PFA* implies that **every** class of **Aronszajn orderings** has a finite basis.

## Definition

### **Aronszajn ordering**

is an uncountable linearly ordered set orthogonal to  $\{\omega_1^*, \omega_1, \mathbb{R}\}$ .

## Theorem (Moore, 2005)

*PFA implies that the class of **Aronszajn orderings** has basis  $\{C^*, C\}$ , where  $C$  is any uncountable linear ordering whose cartesian square is the union of countably many chains.*

## Theorem (Moore, 2005)

*PFA implies that the class of **Aronszajn orderings** has basis  $\{C^*, C\}$ , where  $C$  is any uncountable linear ordering whose cartesian square is the union of countably many chains.*

## Theorem (Baumgartner, 1973)

*PFA implies that the class of **uncountable separable orderings** has a **one-element basis**.*



## Theorem (Moore, 2005)

*PFA implies that the class of **Aronszajn orderings** has basis  $\{C^*, C\}$ , where  $C$  is any uncountable linear ordering whose cartesian square is the union of countably many chains.*

## Theorem (Baumgartner, 1973)

*PFA implies that the class of **uncountable separable orderings** has a **one-element basis**.*

## Corollary

*PFA implies that the class of **uncountable linear orderings** has basis*

$$\{\omega_1^*, \omega_1, B, C^*, C\}$$

*where  $B$  is any set of reals of cardinality  $\aleph_1$  and where  $C$  is any uncountable linear ordering whose cartesian square is the union of countably many chains.*

## Theorem (Moore, 2005)

*PFA implies that the class of **Aronszajn orderings** has basis  $\{C^*, C\}$ , where  $C$  is any uncountable linear ordering whose cartesian square is the union of countably many chains.*

## Theorem (Baumgartner, 1973)

*PFA implies that the class of **uncountable separable orderings** has a **one-element basis**.*

## Corollary

*PFA implies that the class of **uncountable linear orderings** has basis*

$$\{\omega_1^*, \omega_1, B, C^*, C\}$$

*where  $B$  is any set of reals of cardinality  $\aleph_1$  and where  $C$  is any uncountable linear ordering whose cartesian square is the union of countably many chains.*

## Corollary

*PFA implies that the class of **countable linear orderings** is equal to  $\{\omega_1^*, \omega_1, B, C^*, C\}^\perp$ .*

# Trees

# Trees

## Definition

For two trees  $S$  and  $T$ , by  $S \leq_1 T$  we denote the fact that  $S$  can be **topologically embedded** into  $T$ , i.e., that there is  $f : S \rightarrow T$  which is **strictly increasing** and  $\wedge$ -preserving.

# Trees

## Definition

For two trees  $S$  and  $T$ , by  $S \leq_1 T$  we denote the fact that  $S$  can be **topologically embedded** into  $T$ , i.e., that there is  $f : S \rightarrow T$  which is **strictly increasing** and  $\wedge$ -preserving.

## Theorem (Laver, 1978)

**Every** class of  $\sigma$ -**scattered trees** quasi-ordered by the relation  $\leq_1$  of topological embedding has a finite basis.

# Trees

## Definition

For two trees  $S$  and  $T$ , by  $S \leq_1 T$  we denote the fact that  $S$  can be **topologically embedded** into  $T$ , i.e., that there is  $f : S \rightarrow T$  which is **strictly increasing** and  $\wedge$ -preserving.

## Theorem (Laver, 1978)

**Every** class of  $\sigma$ -**scattered trees** quasi-ordered by the relation  $\leq_1$  of topological embedding has a finite basis.

## Theorem (T. 2000)

- ▶ This fails for the class  $\mathcal{A}$  of **Aronszajn trees** even if the relation  $\leq_1$  is weakened to the relation  $S \leq T$  iff there is a strictly increasing map from  $S$  to  $T$ .

# Trees

## Definition

For two trees  $S$  and  $T$ , by  $S \leq_1 T$  we denote the fact that  $S$  can be **topologically embedded** into  $T$ , i.e., that there is  $f : S \rightarrow T$  which is **strictly increasing** and  $\wedge$ -preserving.

## Theorem (Laver, 1978)

**Every** class of  $\sigma$ -**scattered trees** quasi-ordered by the relation  $\leq_1$  of topological embedding has a finite basis.

## Theorem (T. 2000)

- ▶ This fails for the class  $\mathcal{A}$  of **Aronszajn trees** even if the relation  $\leq_1$  is weakened to the relation  $S \leq T$  iff there is a strictly increasing map from  $S$  to  $T$ .
- ▶ Assuming PFA the class  $(\mathcal{A}, \leq)$  is generated by a discrete chain  $\mathcal{L}$  of **Lipschitz trees** such that  $(\mathcal{L}/\mathbb{Z}, \leq)$  is the  $\aleph_2$ -saturated linear ordering of cardinality  $\aleph_2 = 2^{\aleph_1}$ .

# Tukey reductions



# Tukey reductions

## Definition

A partially ordered set  $P$  is **Tukey reducible** to a partially ordered set  $Q$ , in notation  $P \leq_T Q$ , if there is a map  $f : P \rightarrow Q$  that maps unbounded subsets of  $P$  to unbounded subsets of  $Q$ , or equivalently, a map  $g : Q \rightarrow P$  which maps cofinal subsets of  $Q$  to cofinal subsets of  $P$ .

When  $P \leq_T Q$  and  $Q \leq_T P$  we write  $P \equiv_T Q$  and say that  $P$  and  $Q$  are **Tukey equivalent** or **cofinaly similar**.

# Tukey reductions

## Definition

A partially ordered set  $P$  is **Tukey reducible** to a partially ordered set  $Q$ , in notation  $P \leq_T Q$ , if there is a map  $f : P \rightarrow Q$  that maps unbounded subsets of  $P$  to unbounded subsets of  $Q$ , or equivalently, a map  $g : Q \rightarrow P$  which maps cofinal subsets of  $Q$  to cofinal subsets of  $P$ .

When  $P \leq_T Q$  and  $Q \leq_T P$  we write  $P \equiv_T Q$  and say that  $P$  and  $Q$  are **Tukey equivalent** or **cofinaly similar**.

## Remark

In the class of (upwards) **directed** posets  $P \equiv_T Q$  is equivalent to saying that  $P$  and  $Q$  are **isomorphic** to cofinal subsets of a single directed poset  $R$ .

# Examples: Ultrafilters

# Examples: Ultrafilters

## Proposition

The directed set  $[\theta]^{<\omega}$  of finite subsets of some infinite cardinal  $\theta$  realizes the **maximal Tukey type** among directed posets of cardinality at most  $\theta$ .

# Examples: Ultrafilters

## Proposition

The directed set  $[\theta]^{<\omega}$  of finite subsets of some infinite cardinal  $\theta$  realizes the **maximal Tukey type** among directed posets of cardinality at most  $\theta$ .

## Theorem (Isbell 1964)

There is an ultrafilter  $\mathcal{U}_{\max}$  on  $\omega$  that realizes the maximal Tukey type for directed sets of cardinality continuum.

# Examples: Ultrafilters

## Proposition

The directed set  $[\theta]^{<\omega}$  of finite subsets of some infinite cardinal  $\theta$  realizes the **maximal Tukey type** among directed posets of cardinality at most  $\theta$ .

## Theorem (Isbell 1964)

There is an ultrafilter  $\mathcal{U}_{\max}$  on  $\omega$  that realizes the maximal Tukey type for directed sets of cardinality continuum.

## Question (Isbell, 1964)

Is there any other Tukey type of nonprincipal ultrafilters on  $\omega$ ?

# Examples: Ultrafilters

## Proposition

The directed set  $[\theta]^{<\omega}$  of finite subsets of some infinite cardinal  $\theta$  realizes the **maximal Tukey type** among directed posets of cardinality at most  $\theta$ .

## Theorem (Isbell 1964)

There is an ultrafilter  $\mathcal{U}_{\max}$  on  $\omega$  that realizes the maximal Tukey type for directed sets of cardinality continuum.

## Question (Isbell, 1964)

Is there any other Tukey type of nonprincipal ultrafilters on  $\omega$ ?

## Remark

If  $\mathcal{U}$  is a  $P$ -point ultrafilter on  $\omega$  then  $\mathcal{U} \not\equiv_T \mathcal{U}_{\max}$ .

# Five cofinal types



## Five cofinal types

Theorem (T., 1985, 1996)

*PFA implies that*

$$1, \omega, \omega_1, \omega \times \omega_1 \text{ and } [\omega_1]^{<\omega}$$

*are all Tukey types of **directed sets** of cardinality at most  $\aleph_1$ .*

## Five cofinal types

Theorem (T., 1985, 1996)

*PFA implies that*

$$1, \omega, \omega_1, \omega \times \omega_1 \text{ and } [\omega_1]^{<\omega}$$

*are all Tukey types of **directed sets** of cardinality at most  $\aleph_1$ .*

*Moreover, letting  $D_0 = 1$ ,  $D_1 = \omega$ ,  $D_2 = \omega_1$ ,  $D_3 = \omega \times \omega_1$ , and  $D_4 = [\omega_1]^{<\omega}$ , every **partially ordered set** of cardinality at most  $\aleph_1$  is Tukey equivalent to one of these:*

- ▶  $\bigoplus_{i < 5} n_i D_i$  ( $i < 5$ ,  $n_i < \omega$ ),
- ▶  $\aleph_0 \cdot 1 \oplus \bigoplus_{i=2}^4 n_i D_i$  ( $2 \leq i < 5$ ,  $n_i < \omega$ ),
- ▶  $\aleph_0 \cdot \omega_1 \oplus n_4 [\omega_1]^{<\omega}$  ( $n_4 < \omega$ ),
- ▶  $\aleph_0 \cdot [\omega_1]^{<\omega}$ ,
- ▶  $\aleph_1 \cdot 1$ .

# Descriptive set theoretic context

# Descriptive set theoretic context

## Definition

Let  $D$  be a separable metric space and let  $\leq$  be a partial order on  $D$ . We say that  $(D, \leq)$  is **basic** if

# Descriptive set theoretic context

## Definition

Let  $D$  be a separable metric space and let  $\leq$  be a partial order on  $D$ . We say that  $(D, \leq)$  is **basic** if

- ▶ for every  $x, y \in D$  the least upper bound  $x \vee y$  exists and the map  $\vee : D \times D \rightarrow D$  is continuous;

# Descriptive set theoretic context

## Definition

Let  $D$  be a separable metric space and let  $\leq$  be a partial order on  $D$ . We say that  $(D, \leq)$  is **basic** if

- ▶ for every  $x, y \in D$  the least upper bound  $x \vee y$  exists and the map  $\vee : D \times D \rightarrow D$  is continuous;
- ▶ every bounded sequence has converging subsequence;

# Descriptive set theoretic context

## Definition

Let  $D$  be a separable metric space and let  $\leq$  be a partial order on  $D$ . We say that  $(D, \leq)$  is **basic** if

- ▶ for every  $x, y \in D$  the least upper bound  $x \vee y$  exists and the map  $\vee : D \times D \rightarrow D$  is continuous;
- ▶ every bounded sequence has converging subsequence;
- ▶ every converging sequence has bounded subsequence.

# Descriptive set theoretic context

## Definition

Let  $D$  be a separable metric space and let  $\leq$  be a partial order on  $D$ . We say that  $(D, \leq)$  is **basic** if

- ▶ for every  $x, y \in D$  the least upper bound  $x \vee y$  exists and the map  $\vee : D \times D \rightarrow D$  is continuous;
- ▶ every bounded sequence has converging subsequence;
- ▶ every converging sequence has bounded subsequence.

## Remark

The topology of a basic order is uniquely determined by the order itself. It is the topology of sequential convergence where a sequence is set to be convergent if all of its subsequences have further subsequences that are bounded.



# Important examples

# Important examples

## Example

- ▶ *P-point ultrafilters are basic orders.*

# Important examples

## Example

- ▶  *$P$ -point ultrafilters are basic orders.*
- ▶  *$\sigma$ -deals of compact subsets of a separable metric space with the Vietoris topology.*

# Important examples

## Example

- ▶  *$P$ -point ultrafilters are basic orders.*
- ▶  *$\sigma$ -deals of compact subsets of a separable metric space with the Vietoris topology.*
- ▶ *Analytic  $P$ -ideals on  $\omega$  are basic.*

# Important examples

## Example

- ▶  *$P$ -point ultrafilters are basic orders.*
- ▶  *$\sigma$ -deals of compact subsets of a separable metric space with the Vietoris topology.*
- ▶ *Analytic  $P$ -ideals on  $\omega$  are basic.*

## Theorem (Solecki-T., 2004)

*Analytic basic orders are in fact Polish.*

# Important examples

## Example

- ▶  *$P$ -point ultrafilters are basic orders.*
- ▶  *$\sigma$ -deals of compact subsets of a separable metric space with the Vietoris topology.*
- ▶ *Analytic  $P$ -ideals on  $\omega$  are basic.*

## Theorem (Solecki-T., 2004)

*Analytic basic orders are in fact Polish.*

## Proposition (Solecki-T., 2004)

*Let  $D$  be a nonempty basic order.*

# Important examples

## Example

- ▶  *$P$ -point ultrafilters are basic orders.*
- ▶  *$\sigma$ -deals of compact subsets of a separable metric space with the Vietoris topology.*
- ▶ *Analytic  $P$ -ideals on  $\omega$  are basic.*

## Theorem (Solecki-T., 2004)

*Analytic basic orders are in fact Polish.*

## Proposition (Solecki-T., 2004)

*Let  $D$  be a nonempty basic order.*

- ▶  *$D$  is compact iff  $D \equiv_{\mathcal{T}} 1$ .*

# Important examples

## Example

- ▶  *$P$ -point ultrafilters are basic orders.*
- ▶  *$\sigma$ -ideals of compact subsets of a separable metric space with the Vietoris topology.*
- ▶ *Analytic  $P$ -ideals on  $\omega$  are basic.*

## Theorem (Solecki-T., 2004)

*Analytic basic orders are in fact Polish.*

## Proposition (Solecki-T., 2004)

*Let  $D$  be a nonempty basic order.*

- ▶  *$D$  is compact iff  $D \equiv_T 1$ .*
- ▶ *If  $D$  is analytic and not locally compact then  $\mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}} \leq_T D$ .*



# Automatic definability of $\leq_T$

# Automatic definability of $\leq_T$

Theorem (Solecki-T., 2004)

Let  $D$  and  $E$  be basic orders. If  $D \leq_T E$  then there is a **Borel map**  $g : E \rightarrow D$  which witnesses this.

# Automatic definability of $\leq_T$

Theorem (Solecki-T., 2004)

Let  $D$  and  $E$  be basic orders. If  $D \leq_T E$  then there is a **Borel map**  $g : E \rightarrow D$  which witnesses this.

Corollary

Let  $D$  and  $E$  be basic orders such that  $D \leq_T E$ . If  $E$  is analytic then so is  $D$ .

# Automatic definability of $\leq_T$

## Theorem (Solecki-T., 2004)

Let  $D$  and  $E$  be basic orders. If  $D \leq_T E$  then there is a **Borel map**  $g : E \rightarrow D$  which witnesses this.

## Corollary

Let  $D$  and  $E$  be basic orders such that  $D \leq_T E$ . If  $E$  is analytic then so is  $D$ .

## Corollary

Let  $\mathcal{U}$  and  $\mathcal{V}$  be ultrafilters on  $\omega$  such that  $\mathcal{V}$  is a  $P$ -point. If  $\mathcal{U} \leq \mathcal{V}$  then there is a **continuous map**  $g : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$  witnessing this.

# Automatic definability of $\leq_T$

## Theorem (Solecki-T., 2004)

Let  $D$  and  $E$  be basic orders. If  $D \leq_T E$  then there is a **Borel map**  $g : E \rightarrow D$  which witnesses this.

## Corollary

Let  $D$  and  $E$  be basic orders such that  $D \leq_T E$ . If  $E$  is analytic then so is  $D$ .

## Corollary

Let  $\mathcal{U}$  and  $\mathcal{V}$  be ultrafilters on  $\omega$  such that  $\mathcal{V}$  is a  $P$ -point. If  $\mathcal{U} \leq \mathcal{V}$  then there is a **continuous map**  $g : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$  witnessing this.

## Corollary

$P$ -point ultrafilters have no more than continuum many Tukey-predecessors.

# Basis problem for $n$ -gaps

## Basis problem for $n$ -gaps

Notation:

Fix a countable index set  $N$ . For  $a, b \subseteq N$ , set

$$a \subseteq^* b \text{ iff } a \setminus b \text{ is finite,}$$

$$a \perp b \text{ iff } a \cap b \text{ is finite.}$$

For  $\mathfrak{X}, \mathfrak{Y} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(N)$ , set

$$\mathfrak{X} \perp \mathfrak{Y} \text{ iff } (\forall a \in \mathfrak{X}) (\forall b \in \mathfrak{Y}) a \perp b.$$

$$\mathfrak{X}^\perp = \{b : (\forall a \in \mathfrak{X}) b \cap a \text{ is finite}\}.$$

# Preideals



# Preideals

## Definition

A **preideal** on a countable set  $N$  is a family  $I$  of subsets of  $N$  such that if  $x \in I$  and  $y \subseteq x$  is infinite, then  $y \in I$ .

# Preideals

## Definition

A **preideal** on a countable set  $N$  is a family  $I$  of subsets of  $N$  such that if  $x \in I$  and  $y \subseteq x$  is infinite, then  $y \in I$ .

## Definition

Let  $\Gamma = \{\Gamma_i : i \in n\}$  be a  $n$ -sequence of preideals on the set  $N$  and let  $\mathfrak{X}$  be a family of subsets of  $n$ .

# Preideals

## Definition

A **preideal** on a countable set  $N$  is a family  $I$  of subsets of  $N$  such that if  $x \in I$  and  $y \subseteq x$  is infinite, then  $y \in I$ .

## Definition

Let  $\Gamma = \{\Gamma_i : i \in n\}$  be a  $n$ -sequence of preideals on the set  $N$  and let  $\mathfrak{X}$  be a family of subsets of  $n$ .

1. We say that  $\Gamma$  is **separated** if there exist subsets  $a_0, \dots, a_{n-1} \subset N$  such that  $\bigcap_{i \in n} a_i = \emptyset$  and  $x \subset^* a_i$  for all  $x \in \Gamma_i$ ,  $i \in n$ .

# Preideals

## Definition

A **preideal** on a countable set  $N$  is a family  $I$  of subsets of  $N$  such that if  $x \in I$  and  $y \subseteq x$  is infinite, then  $y \in I$ .

## Definition

Let  $\Gamma = \{\Gamma_i : i \in n\}$  be a  $n$ -sequence of preideals on the set  $N$  and let  $\mathfrak{X}$  be a family of subsets of  $n$ .

1. We say that  $\Gamma$  is **separated** if there exist subsets  $a_0, \dots, a_{n-1} \subset N$  such that  $\bigcap_{i \in n} a_i = \emptyset$  and  $x \subset^* a_i$  for all  $x \in \Gamma_i$ ,  $i \in n$ .
2. We say that  $\Gamma$  is an  **$\mathfrak{X}$ -gap** if it is not separated, but  $\bigcap_{i \in A} x_i =^* \emptyset$  whenever  $x_i \in \Gamma_i$ ,  $A \in \mathfrak{X}$ .

# Preideals

## Definition

A **preideal** on a countable set  $N$  is a family  $I$  of subsets of  $N$  such that if  $x \in I$  and  $y \subseteq x$  is infinite, then  $y \in I$ .

## Definition

Let  $\Gamma = \{\Gamma_i : i \in n\}$  be a  $n$ -sequence of preideals on the set  $N$  and let  $\mathfrak{X}$  be a family of subsets of  $n$ .

1. We say that  $\Gamma$  is **separated** if there exist subsets  $a_0, \dots, a_{n-1} \subset N$  such that  $\bigcap_{i \in n} a_i = \emptyset$  and  $x \subset^* a_i$  for all  $x \in \Gamma_i$ ,  $i \in n$ .
2. We say that  $\Gamma$  is an  **$\mathfrak{X}$ -gap** if it is not separated, but  $\bigcap_{i \in A} x_i =^* \emptyset$  whenever  $x_i \in \Gamma_i$ ,  $A \in \mathfrak{X}$ .

## Definition

When  $\mathfrak{X} = [n]^2$  is the family of all subsets of  $n$  of cardinality 2, an  $\mathfrak{X}$ -gap will be called an  **$n$ -gap**,

# Preideals

## Definition

A **preideal** on a countable set  $N$  is a family  $I$  of subsets of  $N$  such that if  $x \in I$  and  $y \subseteq x$  is infinite, then  $y \in I$ .

## Definition

Let  $\Gamma = \{\Gamma_i : i \in n\}$  be a  $n$ -sequence of preideals on the set  $N$  and let  $\mathfrak{X}$  be a family of subsets of  $n$ .

1. We say that  $\Gamma$  is **separated** if there exist subsets  $a_0, \dots, a_{n-1} \subset N$  such that  $\bigcap_{i \in n} a_i = \emptyset$  and  $x \subset^* a_i$  for all  $x \in \Gamma_i$ ,  $i \in n$ .
2. We say that  $\Gamma$  is an  **$\mathfrak{X}$ -gap** if it is not separated, but  $\bigcap_{i \in A} x_i =^* \emptyset$  whenever  $x_i \in \Gamma_i$ ,  $A \in \mathfrak{X}$ .

## Definition

When  $\mathfrak{X} = [n]^2$  is the family of all subsets of  $n$  of cardinality 2, an  $\mathfrak{X}$ -gap will be called an  **$n$ -gap**,

When  $\mathfrak{X} = \{n\}$  consists only of the total set  $n = \{0, \dots, n-1\}$ , then an  $\mathfrak{X}$ -gap will be called an  **$n_*$ -gap**.

# Ordering gaps

# Ordering gaps

## Definition

The orthogonal of the gap  $\Gamma$  is  $\Gamma^\perp = (\bigcup_{i \in n} \Gamma_i)^\perp$ . The gap  $\Gamma$  is called **dense** if  $\Gamma^\perp$  is just the family of finite subsets of  $N$ .



# Ordering gaps

## Definition

The orthogonal of the gap  $\Gamma$  is  $\Gamma^\perp = (\bigcup_{i \in n} \Gamma_i)^\perp$ . The gap  $\Gamma$  is called **dense** if  $\Gamma^\perp$  is just the family of finite subsets of  $N$ .

## Definition

For  $\Gamma$  and  $\Delta$  two  $n_*$ -gaps on countable sets  $N$  and  $M$ , respectively, we say that

$$\Gamma \leq \Delta$$

if there exists a one-to-one map  $\phi : N \rightarrow M$  such that for  $i < n$ ,

1. if  $x \in \Gamma_i$  then  $\phi(x) \in \Delta_i$ .
2. If  $x \in \Gamma_i^\perp$  then  $\phi(x) \in \Delta_i^\perp$ .

# Ordering gaps

## Definition

The orthogonal of the gap  $\Gamma$  is  $\Gamma^\perp = (\bigcup_{i \in n} \Gamma_i)^\perp$ . The gap  $\Gamma$  is called **dense** if  $\Gamma^\perp$  is just the family of finite subsets of  $N$ .

## Definition

For  $\Gamma$  and  $\Delta$  two  $n_*$ -gaps on countable sets  $N$  and  $M$ , respectively, we say that

$$\Gamma \leq \Delta$$

if there exists a one-to-one map  $\phi : N \rightarrow M$  such that for  $i < n$ ,

1. if  $x \in \Gamma_i$  then  $\phi(x) \in \Delta_i$ .
2. If  $x \in \Gamma_i^\perp$  then  $\phi(x) \in \Delta_i^\perp$ .

Two  $n_*$ -gaps  $\Gamma$  and  $\Gamma'$  are called **equivalent** if  $\Gamma \leq \Gamma'$  and if  $\Gamma' \leq \Gamma$ .

## Remark

- ▶ *When  $\Gamma$  is a  $n$ -gap, the second condition can be substituted by saying that if  $x \in \Gamma^\perp$  then  $\phi(x) \in \Delta^\perp$ .*

## Remark

- ▶ When  $\Gamma$  is a  $n$ -gap, the second condition can be substituted by saying that if  $x \in \Gamma^\perp$  then  $\phi(x) \in \Delta^\perp$ .
- ▶ Notice also that if  $\Delta$  is a  $n$ -gap,  $\Gamma$  is a  $n_*$ -gap, and  $\Gamma \leq \Delta$ , then  $\Gamma$  is an  $n$ -gap.

## Remark

- ▶ When  $\Gamma$  is a  $n$ -gap, the second condition can be substituted by saying that if  $x \in \Gamma^\perp$  then  $\phi(x) \in \Delta^\perp$ .
- ▶ Notice also that if  $\Delta$  is a  $n$ -gap,  $\Gamma$  is a  $n_*$ -gap, and  $\Gamma \leq \Delta$ , then  $\Gamma$  is an  $n$ -gap.
- ▶ Another observation is that the above definition implies that  $\phi(x) \in \Delta_i^{\perp\perp}$  if and only if  $x \in \Gamma_i^{\perp\perp}$ , and  $\phi(x) \in \Delta^\perp$  if and only if  $x \in \Gamma^\perp$ .

## Remark

- ▶ When  $\Gamma$  is a  $n$ -gap, the second condition can be substituted by saying that if  $x \in \Gamma^\perp$  then  $\phi(x) \in \Delta^\perp$ .
- ▶ Notice also that if  $\Delta$  is a  $n$ -gap,  $\Gamma$  is a  $n_*$ -gap, and  $\Gamma \leq \Delta$ , then  $\Gamma$  is an  $n$ -gap.
- ▶ Another observation is that the above definition implies that  $\phi(x) \in \Delta_i^{\perp\perp}$  if and only if  $x \in \Gamma_i^{\perp\perp}$ , and  $\phi(x) \in \Delta^\perp$  if and only if  $x \in \Gamma^\perp$ .
- ▶ Therefore the gaps  $\{\Gamma_i^{\perp\perp} : i < n\}$  and  $\{\Delta_i^{\perp\perp}|_{\phi^{-1}N} : i < n\}$  are completely identified under the bijection  $\phi : N \rightarrow \phi^{-1}N$ .

## Remark

- ▶ *When  $\Gamma$  is a  $n$ -gap, the second condition can be substituted by saying that if  $x \in \Gamma^\perp$  then  $\phi(x) \in \Delta^\perp$ .*
- ▶ *Notice also that if  $\Delta$  is a  $n$ -gap,  $\Gamma$  is a  $n_*$ -gap, and  $\Gamma \leq \Delta$ , then  $\Gamma$  is an  $n$ -gap.*
- ▶ *Another observation is that the above definition implies that  $\phi(x) \in \Delta_i^{\perp\perp}$  if and only if  $x \in \Gamma_i^{\perp\perp}$ , and  $\phi(x) \in \Delta^\perp$  if and only if  $x \in \Gamma^\perp$ .*
- ▶ *Therefore the gaps  $\{\Gamma_i^{\perp\perp} : i < n\}$  and  $\{\Delta_i^{\perp\perp}|_{\phi^{-1}N} : i < n\}$  are completely identified under the bijection  $\phi : N \rightarrow \phi^{-1}N$ .*
- ▶ *There are other variants of the order  $\leq$  between gaps but all lead essentially to the same theory.*

## Remark

- ▶ When  $\Gamma$  is a  $n$ -gap, the second condition can be substituted by saying that if  $x \in \Gamma^\perp$  then  $\phi(x) \in \Delta^\perp$ .
- ▶ Notice also that if  $\Delta$  is a  $n$ -gap,  $\Gamma$  is a  $n_*$ -gap, and  $\Gamma \leq \Delta$ , then  $\Gamma$  is an  $n$ -gap.
- ▶ Another observation is that the above definition implies that  $\phi(x) \in \Delta_i^{\perp\perp}$  if and only if  $x \in \Gamma_i^{\perp\perp}$ , and  $\phi(x) \in \Delta^\perp$  if and only if  $x \in \Gamma^\perp$ .
- ▶ Therefore the gaps  $\{\Gamma_i^{\perp\perp} : i < n\}$  and  $\{\Delta_i^{\perp\perp} |_{\phi^{-1}N} : i < n\}$  are completely identified under the bijection  $\phi : N \rightarrow \phi^{-1}N$ .
- ▶ There are other variants of the order  $\leq$  between gaps but all lead essentially to the same theory.

## Definition

An analytic  $n_*$ -gap  $\Gamma$  is said to be a **minimal analytic  $n_*$ -gap** if for every other analytic  $n_*$ -gap  $\Delta$ , if  $\Delta \leq \Gamma$ , then  $\Gamma \leq \Delta$ .



# Finite Basis Theorem for $n$ -gaps

# Finite Basis Theorem for $n$ -gaps

Theorem (Aviles-T., 2014)

*Fix a natural number  $n$ . For every analytic  $n_*$ -gap  $\Gamma$  there exists a minimal analytic  $n_*$ -gap  $\Delta$  such that  $\Delta \leq \Gamma$ .*

# Finite Basis Theorem for $n$ -gaps

Theorem (Aviles-T., 2014)

*Fix a natural number  $n$ . For every analytic  $n_*$ -gap  $\Gamma$  there exists a minimal analytic  $n_*$ -gap  $\Delta$  such that  $\Delta \leq \Gamma$ . Moreover, up to equivalence, there exist only finitely many minimal analytic  $n_*$ -gaps.*

# Finite Basis Theorem for $n$ -gaps

## Theorem (Aviles-T., 2014)

*Fix a natural number  $n$ . For every analytic  $n_*$ -gap  $\Gamma$  there exists a minimal analytic  $n_*$ -gap  $\Delta$  such that  $\Delta \leq \Gamma$ . Moreover, up to equivalence, there exist only finitely many minimal analytic  $n_*$ -gaps.*

## Remark

*Up to permutations there is exactly 5 minimal analytic 2-gaps. Most of them already show up in the literature.*

# Finite Basis Theorem for $n$ -gaps

## Theorem (Aviles-T., 2014)

*Fix a natural number  $n$ . For every analytic  $n_*$ -gap  $\Gamma$  there exists a minimal analytic  $n_*$ -gap  $\Delta$  such that  $\Delta \leq \Gamma$ . Moreover, up to equivalence, there exist only finitely many minimal analytic  $n_*$ -gaps.*

## Remark

*Up to permutations there is exactly 5 minimal analytic 2-gaps. Most of them already show up in the literature.*

## Corollary

*Let  $\mathcal{U}$  be a countable family of pairwise disjoint analytic open subsets of  $\beta\mathbb{N} \setminus \mathbb{N}$ , and let  $\{U_0, U_1, U_2\} \subseteq \mathcal{U}$  be such that  $\overline{U_0} \cap \overline{U_1} \cap \overline{U_2} \neq \emptyset$ . Then, there exists a point  $x \in \overline{U_0} \cap \overline{U_1} \cap \overline{U_2}$  such that*

$$|\{U \in \mathcal{U} : x \in \overline{U}\}| \leq 61.$$

*Moreover, 61 is optimal in this result.*

# Compact sets of Baire-class-1 functions

# Compact sets of Baire-class-1 functions

Theorem (T., 1999)

*The class of non-metrizable **separable compact sets** of Baire-class-1 functions defined on a Polish space has the 3-element basis*

$$\{S, D, P\},$$

*where  $S$  is the split-interval,  $D$  the (separable version of the) Alexandrov duplicate of the Cantor set, and  $P$  the one-point compactification of the Cantor tree space.*

# Compact sets of Baire-class-1 functions

## Theorem (T., 1999)

*The class of non-metrizable **separable compact sets** of Baire-class-1 functions defined on a Polish space has the 3-element basis*

$$\{S, D, P\},$$

*where  $S$  is the split-interval,  $D$  the (separable version of the) Alexandrov duplicate of the Cantor set, and  $P$  the one-point compactification of the Cantor tree space.*

## Remark

*If  $x$  is a non- $G_\delta$  point of some compact set  $K$  of Baire-class-1 functions then  $K$  contains a topological copy of  $P$  where  $x$  plays the role of point at infinity.*



# Ramsey basis problems

# Ramsey basis problems

## Theorem (Ramsey 1930)

*For every natural number  $k$  and every relation  $R \subseteq \mathbb{N}^k$  there is an infinite set  $M \subseteq \mathbb{N}$  such that  $R \upharpoonright M$  is  $(\mathbb{N}, <)$ -**canonical**.*

# Ramsey basis problems

## Theorem (Ramsey 1930)

For every natural number  $k$  and every relation  $R \subseteq \mathbb{N}^k$  there is an infinite set  $M \subseteq \mathbb{N}$  such that  $R \upharpoonright M$  is  $(\mathbb{N}, <)$ -**canonical**.

## Definition

A relation  $R \subseteq \mathbb{N}^k$  is  $(\mathbb{N}, <)$ -**canonical** on a set  $M \subseteq \mathbb{N}$  if it is  $\sim_{(\mathbb{N}, <)}$ -**invariant** on  $M^k$ , i.e., if for  $(x_i : i < k), (y_i : i < k) \in M^k$ ,  
 $(x_0, \dots, x_{k-1}) \sim_{(\mathbb{N}, <)} (y_0, \dots, y_{k-1})$  implies  
 $R(x_0, \dots, x_{k-1}) \Leftrightarrow R(y_0, \dots, y_{k-1})$

where we put

$$(x_i : i < k) \sim_{(\mathbb{N}, <)} (y_i : i < k)$$

if of all  $i, j < k$  :

$$x_i < x_j \Leftrightarrow y_i < y_j,$$

$$x_i = x_j \Leftrightarrow y_i = y_j,$$

$$x_i > x_j \Leftrightarrow y_i > y_j.$$

# Recognizing canonical relations

# Recognizing canonical relations

## Proposition

*There is exactly eight canonical binary relations on  $\mathbb{N}$  :*

$$\top, \perp, =, \neq, <, >, \leq, \geq .$$

$\top$  and  $=$  are the only **canonical equivalence relations** on  $\mathbb{N}$ .

# Canonical equivalence relations

## Theorem (Erdős-Rado 1950)

There is exactly  $2^k$  canonical equivalence relations on  $\mathbb{N}^{[k]}$  :

$$(x_i : i < k) \sim_I (y_i : i < k) \Leftrightarrow (x_i : i \in I) = (y_i : i \in I),$$

for  $I \subseteq \{0, \dots, k-1\}$ , i.e., for every equivalence relation  $E$  on

$$\mathbb{N}^{[k]} = \{(x_i : i < k) \in \mathbb{N}^k : x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_{k-1}\}$$

there is an infinite set  $M \subseteq \mathbb{N}$  and a set  $I \subseteq \{0, \dots, k-1\}$  such that

$$E|_M^{[k]} = \sim_I |_M^{[k]}.$$

# Tukey meets Ramsey

# Tukey meets Ramsey

## Definition

A collection  $\mathcal{F}$  of finite subsets of  $\mathbb{N}$  is a **barrier** if every infinite subset of  $\mathbb{N}$  has an initial segment in  $\mathcal{F}$  and if no two distinct elements of  $\mathcal{F}$  are comparable under inclusion.



# Tukey meets Ramsey

## Definition

A collection  $\mathcal{F}$  of finite subsets of  $\mathbb{N}$  is a **barrier** if every infinite subset of  $\mathbb{N}$  has an initial segment in  $\mathcal{F}$  and if no two distinct elements of  $\mathcal{F}$  are comparable under inclusion.

## Theorem (Pudlak-Rödl, 1982)

For every equivalence relation  $E$  on some **barrier**  $\mathcal{B}$  on  $\mathbb{N}$  there is an infinite set  $M \subseteq \mathbb{N}$  and an **internal irreducible** mapping  $f$  on  $\mathcal{B}|M$  such that  $E \upharpoonright (\mathcal{B}|M) = E_f$ .

# Tukey meets Ramsey

## Definition

A collection  $\mathcal{F}$  of finite subsets of  $\mathbb{N}$  is a **barrier** if every infinite subset of  $\mathbb{N}$  has an initial segment in  $\mathcal{F}$  and if no two distinct elements of  $\mathcal{F}$  are comparable under inclusion.

## Theorem (Pudlak-Rödl, 1982)

For every equivalence relation  $E$  on some **barrier**  $\mathcal{B}$  on  $\mathbb{N}$  there is an infinite set  $M \subseteq \mathbb{N}$  and an **internal irreducible** mapping  $f$  on  $\mathcal{B}|M$  such that  $E \upharpoonright (\mathcal{B}|M) = E_f$ .

## Theorem (T., 2012)

Let  $\mathcal{V}$  be a **selective ultrafilter** on  $\mathbb{N}$  and let  $\mathcal{U}$  be a non-principal ultrafilter on  $\mathbb{N}$  such that  $\mathcal{U} \leq_T \mathcal{V}$ . Then  $\mathcal{U}$  is Rudin-Keisler isomorphic to a countable Fubini power of  $\mathcal{V}$ .

# Tukey meets Ramsey

## Definition

A collection  $\mathcal{F}$  of finite subsets of  $\mathbb{N}$  is a **barrier** if every infinite subset of  $\mathbb{N}$  has an initial segment in  $\mathcal{F}$  and if no two distinct elements of  $\mathcal{F}$  are comparable under inclusion.

## Theorem (Pudlak-Rödl, 1982)

For every equivalence relation  $E$  on some **barrier**  $\mathcal{B}$  on  $\mathbb{N}$  there is an infinite set  $M \subseteq \mathbb{N}$  and an **internal irreducible** mapping  $f$  on  $\mathcal{B}|M$  such that  $E \upharpoonright (\mathcal{B}|M) = E_f$ .

## Theorem (T., 2012)

Let  $\mathcal{V}$  be a **selective ultrafilter** on  $\mathbb{N}$  and let  $\mathcal{U}$  be a non-principal ultrafilter on  $\mathbb{N}$  such that  $\mathcal{U} \leq_T \mathcal{V}$ . Then  $\mathcal{U}$  is Rudin-Keisler isomorphic to a countable Fubini power of  $\mathcal{V}$ .

## Corollary

Selective ultrafilters are **Tukey minimal** members of  $\beta\mathbb{N} \setminus \mathbb{N}$ .

# Ramsey basis results for $\mathbb{Q}$

# Ramsey basis results for $\mathbb{Q}$

## Theorem (Laver 1970)

For every natural number  $k$  and every set  $R \subseteq \mathbb{Q}^k$  there is  $M \subseteq \mathbb{Q}$

**order-isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Q}$**  such that

$R$  is a  $(\mathbb{Q}, <, <')$ -**canonical relation** on  $M$ ,

where  $<$  is the usual ordering on  $\mathbb{Q}$  and where  $<'$  is a well-order of  $\mathbb{Q}$  of order-type  $\omega$ .

# Ramsey basis results for $\mathbb{Q}$

## Theorem (Laver 1970)

For every natural number  $k$  and every set  $R \subseteq \mathbb{Q}^k$  there is  $M \subseteq \mathbb{Q}$  **order-isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Q}$**  such that

$R$  is a  $(\mathbb{Q}, <, <')$ -**canonical relation** on  $M$ ,  
where  $<$  is the usual ordering on  $\mathbb{Q}$  and where  $<'$  is a well-order of  $\mathbb{Q}$  of order-type  $\omega$ .

## Theorem (Devlin 1979)

Among canonical equivalence relations  $E$  on  $\mathbb{Q}^{[k]}$  with **finitely many classes** there is the **finest canonical equivalence relation** that has exactly  $t_k = T_{2k+1}$  classes,

where  $T_n$  are **tangent numbers** given by

$$\tan z = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{T_n}{n!} z^n.$$

Thus,  $t_1 = 1$ ,  $t_2 = 2$ ,  $t_3 = 16$ ,  $t_4 = 272$ , .... .

## Remark

- ▶ *There are also results about arbitrary canonical equivalence relations on  $\mathbb{Q}^{[k]}$  (Vuksanovic 2012) but perhaps here we could have a result that would match Devlin's in its clarity.*

## Remark

- ▶ *There are also results about arbitrary canonical equivalence relations on  $\mathbb{Q}^{[k]}$  (Vuksanovic 2012) but perhaps here we could have a result that would match Devlin's in its clarity.*
- ▶ *Similar methods give similar results for other ultrahomogeneous countable structures such as, for example, **the random graph**.*



## Remark

- ▶ *There are also results about arbitrary canonical equivalence relations on  $\mathbb{Q}^{[k]}$  (Vuksanovic 2012) but perhaps here we could have a result that would match Devlin's in its clarity.*
- ▶ *Similar methods give similar results for other ultrahomogeneous countable structures such as, for example, **the random graph**.*

## Question

*Let  $\mathbb{A}$  be a countable ultrahomogeneous structure.*

## Remark

- ▶ *There are also results about arbitrary canonical equivalence relations on  $\mathbb{Q}^{[k]}$  (Vuksanovic 2012) but perhaps here we could have a result that would match Devlin's in its clarity.*
- ▶ *Similar methods give similar results for other ultrahomogeneous countable structures such as, for example, **the random graph**.*

## Question

Let  $\mathbb{A}$  be a countable ultrahomogeneous structure.

- ▶ *Under which condition on  $\mathbb{A}$  we can find an expansion  $\mathbb{A}^*$  with finitely many relations such that every subset  $R$  of some finite power  $\mathbb{A}^k$  is  $\mathbb{A}^*$ -**canonical** when restricted to some substructure of  $\mathbb{A}$  isomorphic to  $\mathbb{A}$ ?*

## Remark

- ▶ *There are also results about arbitrary canonical equivalence relations on  $\mathbb{Q}^{[k]}$  (Vuksanovic 2012) but perhaps here we could have a result that would match Devlin's in its clarity.*
- ▶ *Similar methods give similar results for other ultrahomogeneous countable structures such as, for example, **the random graph**.*

## Question

Let  $\mathbb{A}$  be a countable ultrahomogeneous structure.

- ▶ *Under which condition on  $\mathbb{A}$  we can find an expansion  $\mathbb{A}^*$  with finitely many relations such that every subset  $R$  of some finite power  $\mathbb{A}^k$  is  $\mathbb{A}^*$ -**canonical** when restricted to some substructure of  $\mathbb{A}$  isomorphic to  $\mathbb{A}$ ?*
- ▶ *Under which additional assumptions (if any) can we conclude that on any finite symmetric power  $\mathbb{A}^{[k]}$  there is **the finest** canonical equivalence relation with finitely many classes?*

# Ramsey basis results for $\text{top}(\mathbb{Q})$

# Ramsey basis results for $\text{top}(\mathbb{Q})$

Theorem (T., 1994)

*There is an equivalence relation  $E_{\text{osc}}$  on  $\mathbb{Q}^{[2]}$  with infinitely many classes  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_k, \dots$  such that if for some positive integer  $k$  the closure  $\overline{X}$  of some subset  $X$  of  $\mathbb{Q}$  has its  $k$ th Cantor-Bendixson derivative nonempty then*

$$X^{[2]} \cap e_i \neq \emptyset \text{ for all } 2 \leq i \leq 2k.$$

*Moreover, if  $X$  is not a discrete subspace of  $\mathbb{Q}$  then  $X^{[2]} \cap e_1 \neq \emptyset$ .*

# Ramsey basis results for $\text{top}(\mathbb{Q})$

## Theorem (T., 1994)

*There is an equivalence relation  $E_{\text{osc}}$  on  $\mathbb{Q}^{[2]}$  with infinitely many classes  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_k, \dots$  such that if for some positive integer  $k$  the closure  $\overline{X}$  of some subset  $X$  of  $\mathbb{Q}$  has its  $k$ th Cantor-Bendixson derivative nonempty then*

$$X^{[2]} \cap e_i \neq \emptyset \text{ for all } 2 \leq i \leq 2k.$$

*Moreover, if  $X$  is not a discrete subspace of  $\mathbb{Q}$  then  $X^{[2]} \cap e_1 \neq \emptyset$ .*

## Corollary (Baumgartner, 1986)

*The class of equivalence relations on  $\mathbb{Q}^{[2]}$  (even those with finitely many equivalence classes) does not have finite Ramsey basis.*

# Ramsey basis results for $\text{top}(\mathbb{Q})$

## Theorem (T., 1994)

*There is an equivalence relation  $E_{\text{osc}}$  on  $\mathbb{Q}^{[2]}$  with infinitely many classes  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_k, \dots$  such that if for some positive integer  $k$  the closure  $\overline{X}$  of some subset  $X$  of  $\mathbb{Q}$  has its  $k$ th Cantor-Bendixson derivative nonempty then*

$$X^{[2]} \cap e_i \neq \emptyset \text{ for all } 2 \leq i \leq 2k.$$

*Moreover, if  $X$  is not a discrete subspace of  $\mathbb{Q}$  then  $X^{[2]} \cap e_1 \neq \emptyset$ .*

## Corollary (Baumgartner, 1986)

*The class of equivalence relations on  $\mathbb{Q}^{[2]}$  (even those with finitely many equivalence classes) does not have finite Ramsey basis.*

## Theorem (T., 1994)

*The class of equivalence relations on  $\mathbb{Q}^{[2]}$  with **open equivalence classes** has 26-element Ramsey basis.*

# Basis problems for $\mathbb{R}$



## Basis problems for $\mathbb{R}$

### Theorem (Sierpinski, 1933)

Let  $<$  be the usual lexicographic ordering of  $2^{\mathbb{N}}$ , let  $<'$  be a well-ordering of  $2^{\mathbb{N}}$  and let  $\mathbb{S}$  denote the expanded structure  $(2^{\mathbb{N}}, \Delta, <, <')$ . Then for every positive integer  $k$  the finest  $\mathbb{S}$ -canonical equivalence relation  $\sim_{\mathbb{S}}^k$  on  $(2^{\mathbb{N}})^{[k]}$  that has  $k!(k-1)!$  many classes has the property that every **uncountable**  $X \subseteq 2^{\mathbb{N}}$  realizes all the classes.

# Basis problems for $\mathbb{R}$

## Theorem (Sierpinski, 1933)

Let  $<$  be the usual lexicographic ordering of  $2^{\mathbb{N}}$ , let  $<'$  be a well-ordering of  $2^{\mathbb{N}}$  and let  $\mathbb{S}$  denote the expanded structure  $(2^{\mathbb{N}}, \Delta, <, <')$ . Then for every positive integer  $k$  the finest  $\mathbb{S}$ -canonical equivalence relation  $\sim_{\mathbb{S}}^k$  on  $(2^{\mathbb{N}})^{[k]}$  that has  $k!(k-1)!$  many classes has the property that every **uncountable**  $X \subseteq 2^{\mathbb{N}}$  realizes all the classes.

## Conjecture (Galvin, 1970)

For every positive integer  $k$  every equivalence relation on  $\mathbb{R}^{[k]}$  with finitely many classes is  $\mathbb{S}$ -canonical when restricted to some **uncountable set**  $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ .

## Basis problems for $\mathbb{R}$

### Theorem (Sierpinski, 1933)

Let  $<$  be the usual lexicographic ordering of  $2^{\mathbb{N}}$ , let  $<'$  be a well-ordering of  $2^{\mathbb{N}}$  and let  $\mathbb{S}$  denote the expanded structure  $(2^{\mathbb{N}}, \Delta, <, <')$ . Then for every positive integer  $k$  the finest  $\mathbb{S}$ -canonical equivalence relation  $\sim_{\mathbb{S}}^k$  on  $(2^{\mathbb{N}})^{[k]}$  that has  $k!(k-1)!$  many classes has the property that every **uncountable**  $X \subseteq 2^{\mathbb{N}}$  realizes all the classes.

### Conjecture (Galvin, 1970)

For every positive integer  $k$  every equivalence relation on  $\mathbb{R}^{[k]}$  with finitely many classes is  $\mathbb{S}$ -canonical when restricted to some **uncountable set**  $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ .

### Conjecture (Galvin, 1970)

Every equivalence relation on  $\mathbb{R}^{[2]}$  with finitely many classes is  $\mathbb{S}$ -canonical when restricted to some **topological copy of  $\mathbb{Q}$** .

Basis problems for  $\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots$

## Basis problems for $\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots$

Theorem (T., 1987, 1994)

*For every positive integer  $k$  there is an equivalence relation  $E$  on  $[\omega_k]^{k+1}$  with uncountably many classes such that every uncountable subset  $X$  of  $\omega_k$  realizes all the classes of  $E$ .*

## Basis problems for $\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots$

### Theorem (T., 1987, 1994)

*For every positive integer  $k$  there is an equivalence relation  $E$  on  $[\omega_k]^{k+1}$  with uncountably many classes such that every uncountable subset  $X$  of  $\omega_k$  realizes all the classes of  $E$ .*

### Corollary

*Galvin's Conjecture implies  $2^{\aleph_0} > \aleph_\omega$ .*

## Basis problems for $\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots$

### Theorem (T., 1987, 1994)

*For every positive integer  $k$  there is an equivalence relation  $E$  on  $[\omega_k]^{k+1}$  with uncountably many classes such that every uncountable subset  $X$  of  $\omega_k$  realizes all the classes of  $E$ .*

### Corollary

*Galvin's Conjecture implies  $2^{\aleph_0} > \aleph_\omega$ .*

### Question

*Does Galvin's Conjecture require the continuum to be above the first weakly inaccessible cardinal?*

# Borel restriction



## Borel restriction

The Cantor space  $2^{\mathbb{N}}$  as the Borel structure:

$$(2^{\mathbb{N}}, <, \Delta)$$

where  $<$  is the lexicographical ordering and  $\Delta$  the distance function:

$$\Delta(x, y) = \min\{n : x(n) \neq y(n)\}.$$

## Borel restriction

The Cantor space  $2^{\mathbb{N}}$  as the Borel structure:

$$(2^{\mathbb{N}}, <, \Delta)$$

where  $<$  is the lexicographical ordering and  $\Delta$  the distance function:

$$\Delta(x, y) = \min\{n : x(n) \neq y(n)\}.$$

**Theorem (Galvin, 1968)**

*For every positive integer  $k$  every Borel set  $R \subseteq (2^{\mathbb{N}})^k$  is  $(2^{\mathbb{N}}, <, \Delta)$ -**canonical** on some perfect set  $P \subseteq 2^{\mathbb{N}}$ .*

## Borel restriction

The Cantor space  $2^{\mathbb{N}}$  as the Borel structure:

$$(2^{\mathbb{N}}, <, \Delta)$$

where  $<$  is the lexicographical ordering and  $\Delta$  the distance function:

$$\Delta(x, y) = \min\{n : x(n) \neq y(n)\}.$$

### Theorem (Galvin, 1968)

For every positive integer  $k$  every Borel set  $R \subseteq (2^{\mathbb{N}})^k$  is  $(2^{\mathbb{N}}, <, \Delta)$ -**canonical** on some perfect set  $P \subseteq 2^{\mathbb{N}}$ .

### Theorem (Galvin 1968, Blass 1981)

Among  $(2^{\mathbb{N}}, <, \Delta)$ -canonical Borel equivalence relation on a given finite symmetric power  $[2^{\mathbb{N}}]^k$  with **finitely many classes** there is the finest one which has exactly  $(k - 1)!$  many classes.

## Theorem (Taylor 1979, Lefmann 1983, Vitas 2014)

- ▶ *There is exactly **two**  $(2^{\mathbb{N}}, <, \Delta)$ -canonical Borel equivalence relations on  $[2^{\mathbb{N}}]^2$  with **countably many classes**:  $\top$  and  $E_{\Delta}$ .*

## Theorem (Taylor 1979, Lefmann 1983, Vlitas 2014)

- ▶ There is exactly **two**  $(2^{\mathbb{N}}, <, \Delta)$ -canonical Borel equivalence relations on  $[2^{\mathbb{N}}]^2$  with **countably many classes**:  $\top$  and  $E_{\Delta}$ .
- ▶ There is exactly **seven**  $(2^{\mathbb{N}}, <, \Delta)$ -canonical Borel equivalence relations on  $[2^{\mathbb{N}}]^2$  given by the following **seven conditions** on given two pairs  $\{x_0, x_1\}$  and  $\{y_0, y_1\}$  such that  $x_0 < x_1$  and  $y_0 < y_1$ :
  1.  $x_0 = x_0$ ,
  2.  $x_0 = y_0$ ,
  3.  $x_1 = y_1$ ,
  4.  $x_0 = y_0$  and  $x_1 = y_1$ ,
  5.  $\Delta(x_0, x_1) = \Delta(y_0, y_1)$  and  $x_0 = x_0$ ,
  6.  $\Delta(x_0, x_1) = \Delta(y_0, y_1)$  and  $x_0 = y_0$ ,
  7.  $\Delta(x_0, x_1) = \Delta(y_0, y_1)$  and  $x_1 = y_1$ .

## Theorem (Taylor 1979, Lefmann 1983, Vlitas 2014)

- ▶ There is exactly **two**  $(2^{\mathbb{N}}, <, \Delta)$ -canonical Borel equivalence relations on  $[2^{\mathbb{N}}]^2$  with **countably many classes**:  $\top$  and  $E_{\Delta}$ .
- ▶ There is exactly **seven**  $(2^{\mathbb{N}}, <, \Delta)$ -canonical Borel equivalence relations on  $[2^{\mathbb{N}}]^2$  given by the following **seven conditions** on given two pairs  $\{x_0, x_1\}$  and  $\{y_0, y_1\}$  such that  $x_0 < x_1$  and  $y_0 < y_1$ :
  1.  $x_0 = x_0$ ,
  2.  $x_0 = y_0$ ,
  3.  $x_1 = y_1$ ,
  4.  $x_0 = y_0$  and  $x_1 = y_1$ ,
  5.  $\Delta(x_0, x_1) = \Delta(y_0, y_1)$  and  $x_0 = x_0$ ,
  6.  $\Delta(x_0, x_1) = \Delta(y_0, y_1)$  and  $x_0 = y_0$ ,
  7.  $\Delta(x_0, x_1) = \Delta(y_0, y_1)$  and  $x_1 = y_1$ .
- ▶ There is exactly **twenty five**  $(2^{\mathbb{N}}, <, \Delta)$ -canonical Borel equivalence relations on  $[2^{\mathbb{N}}]^3$

# The arrow-notation

## The arrow-notation

For two structures  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  of the same type, set

$$\binom{\mathbf{B}}{\mathbf{A}} = \{\mathbf{A}' : \mathbf{A}' \text{ is a substructure of } \mathbf{B} \text{ isomorphic to } \mathbf{A}\}.$$

For  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}$  and  $\mathbf{C}$  of the same type and cardinals  $\lambda$  and  $\tau$ , let

$$\mathbf{C} \rightarrow (\mathbf{B})_{\lambda, \tau}^{\mathbf{A}}$$

denote the statement that for every coloring  $\chi : \binom{\mathbf{C}}{\mathbf{A}} \rightarrow \lambda$

there is  $\mathbf{B}' \in \binom{\mathbf{C}}{\mathbf{B}}$  such that  $\chi$  on  $\binom{\mathbf{B}'}{\mathbf{A}}$  has  $\leq \tau$  values.



## The arrow-notation

For two structures  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$  of the same type, set

$$\binom{\mathbf{B}}{\mathbf{A}} = \{\mathbf{A}' : \mathbf{A}' \text{ is a substructure of } \mathbf{B} \text{ isomorphic to } \mathbf{A}\}.$$

For  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}$  and  $\mathbf{C}$  of the same type and cardinals  $\lambda$  and  $\tau$ , let

$$\mathbf{C} \rightarrow (\mathbf{B})_{\lambda, \tau}^{\mathbf{A}}$$

denote the statement that for every coloring  $\chi : \binom{\mathbf{C}}{\mathbf{A}} \rightarrow \lambda$

there is  $\mathbf{B}' \in \binom{\mathbf{C}}{\mathbf{B}}$  such that  $\chi$  on  $\binom{\mathbf{B}'}{\mathbf{A}}$  has  $\leq \tau$  values. Let

$$\mathbf{C} \rightarrow (\mathbf{B})_{\lambda}^{\mathbf{A}} \quad \text{iff} \quad \mathbf{C} \rightarrow (\mathbf{B})_{\lambda, 1}^{\mathbf{A}},$$

$$\mathbf{C} \rightarrow [\mathbf{B}]_{\lambda}^{\mathbf{A}} \quad \text{iff} \quad \mathbf{C} \rightarrow (\mathbf{B})_{\lambda, \lambda-1}^{\mathbf{A}}.$$

# Examples

# Examples

Theorem (Galvin 1970)

$9 \not\rightarrow [4]_4^2$  *but*  $10 \rightarrow [4]_4^2$ .

# Examples

Theorem (Galvin 1970)

$9 \not\rightarrow [4]_4^2$  but  $10 \rightarrow [4]_4^2$ .

Theorem (Devlin, 1979)

Fix a positive integer  $k$  and let  $t_k = \tan^{(2k-1)}(0)$  and consider the rationals  $\mathbb{Q}$  as ordered set.

- ▶  $\mathbb{Q} \rightarrow (\mathbb{Q})_{l, t_k}^k$  for all  $l < \omega$ .
- ▶  $\mathbb{Q} \not\rightarrow [\mathbb{Q}]_{t_k}^k$ .

# Examples

## Theorem (Galvin 1970)

$9 \not\rightarrow [4]_4^2$  but  $10 \rightarrow [4]_4^2$ .

## Theorem (Devlin, 1979)

Fix a positive integer  $k$  and let  $t_k = \tan^{(2k-1)}(0)$  and consider the rationals  $\mathbb{Q}$  as ordered set.

- ▶  $\mathbb{Q} \rightarrow (\mathbb{Q})_{l, t_k}^k$  for all  $l < \omega$ .
- ▶  $\mathbb{Q} \not\rightarrow [\mathbb{Q}]_{t_k}^k$ .

## Conjecture (Galvin 1970)

For every positive integer  $k$ ,

- ▶  $2^{\aleph_0} \rightarrow (\aleph_1)_{l, k!(k-1)!}^k$  for all  $l < \omega$ ,
- ▶  $2^{\aleph_0} \not\rightarrow [\aleph_1]_{k!(k-1)!}^k$ .

## More examples

## More examples

Theorem (Galvin-Shelah 1973)

$$2^{\aleph_0} \not\rightarrow [2^{\aleph_0}]_{\aleph_0}^2.$$

## More examples

Theorem (Galvin-Shelah 1973)

$$2^{\aleph_0} \not\rightarrow [2^{\aleph_0}]_{\aleph_0}^2.$$

Theorem (T., 1987, 1994)

$$\aleph_k \not\rightarrow [\aleph_1]_{\aleph_0}^{k+1} \text{ for all positive integers } k.$$



## More examples

Theorem (Galvin-Shelah 1973)

$$2^{\aleph_0} \not\rightarrow [2^{\aleph_0}]_{\aleph_0}^2.$$

Theorem (T., 1987, 1994)

$$\aleph_k \not\rightarrow [\aleph_1]_{\aleph_0}^{k+1} \text{ for all positive integers } k.$$

Theorem (Devlin 1979, Folklore)

Fix a positive integer  $k$  and let  $t_k = \tan^{(2^k-1)}(0)$ . Let  $\mathcal{R}$  denote the random graph and let  $K_k$  denote the complete graph on  $k$  vertices.

- ▶  $\mathcal{R} \rightarrow (\mathcal{R})_{l, t_k}^{K_k}$  for all  $l < \omega$ .
- ▶  $\mathcal{R} \not\rightarrow [\mathcal{R}]_{t_k}^{K_k}$ .

# Ramsey degrees in Fraïssé classes

# Ramsey degrees in Fraïssé classes

## Definition

*Let  $\mathcal{K}$  be a given class of finite  $L$ -structures.*

# Ramsey degrees in Fraïssé classes

## Definition

Let  $\mathcal{K}$  be a given class of finite  $L$ -structures.

For  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{K}$ , let  $t(\mathbf{A}, \mathcal{K})$  be the **minimal number**  $t$  (if it exists) such that for every  $\mathbf{B}$  in  $\mathcal{K}$  and  $l < \omega$  there exists  $\mathbf{C}$  in  $\mathcal{K}$  such that

$$\mathbf{C} \rightarrow (\mathbf{B})_{l,t}^{\mathbf{A}}.$$

# Ramsey degrees in Fraïssé classes

## Definition

Let  $\mathcal{K}$  be a given class of finite  $L$ -structures.

For  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{K}$ , let  $t(\mathbf{A}, \mathcal{K})$  be the **minimal number**  $t$  (if it exists) such that for every  $\mathbf{B}$  in  $\mathcal{K}$  and  $l < \omega$  there exists  $\mathbf{C}$  in  $\mathcal{K}$  such that

$$\mathbf{C} \rightarrow (\mathbf{B})_{l,t}^{\mathbf{A}}.$$

Otherwise, put  $t(\mathbf{A}, \mathcal{K}) = \infty$ .

# Ramsey degrees in Fraïssé classes

## Definition

Let  $\mathcal{K}$  be a given class of finite  $L$ -structures.

For  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{K}$ , let  $t(\mathbf{A}, \mathcal{K})$  be the **minimal number**  $t$  (if it exists) such that for every  $\mathbf{B}$  in  $\mathcal{K}$  and  $l < \omega$  there exists  $\mathbf{C}$  in  $\mathcal{K}$  such that

$$\mathbf{C} \rightarrow (\mathbf{B})_{l,t}^{\mathbf{A}}.$$

Otherwise, put  $t(\mathbf{A}, \mathcal{K}) = \infty$ .

We call  $t(\mathbf{A}, \mathcal{K})$  the **Ramsey degree** of  $\mathbf{A}$  in the class  $\mathcal{K}$ . We say that  $\mathcal{K}$  has the **Ramsey property** if  $t(\mathbf{A}, \mathcal{K}) = 1$  for all  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{K}$ .

# Ramsey degrees in Fraïssé classes

## Definition

Let  $\mathcal{K}$  be a given class of finite  $L$ -structures.

For  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{K}$ , let  $t(\mathbf{A}, \mathcal{K})$  be the **minimal number**  $t$  (if it exists) such that for every  $\mathbf{B}$  in  $\mathcal{K}$  and  $l < \omega$  there exists  $\mathbf{C}$  in  $\mathcal{K}$  such that

$$\mathbf{C} \rightarrow (\mathbf{B})_{l,t}^{\mathbf{A}}.$$

Otherwise, put  $t(\mathbf{A}, \mathcal{K}) = \infty$ .

We call  $t(\mathbf{A}, \mathcal{K})$  the **Ramsey degree** of  $\mathbf{A}$  in the class  $\mathcal{K}$ . We say that  $\mathcal{K}$  has the **Ramsey property** if  $t(\mathbf{A}, \mathcal{K}) = 1$  for all  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{K}$ .

## Example

- ▶ Finite linearly ordered sets have Ramsey degree 1 in the class of all **finite linear orderings**, i.e.,  $\mathbb{Q} \rightarrow (n)_l^k$  for all  $k, l, n < \omega$ .

# Ramsey degrees in Fraïssé classes

## Definition

Let  $\mathcal{K}$  be a given class of finite  $L$ -structures.

For  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{K}$ , let  $t(\mathbf{A}, \mathcal{K})$  be the **minimal number**  $t$  (if it exists) such that for every  $\mathbf{B}$  in  $\mathcal{K}$  and  $l < \omega$  there exists  $\mathbf{C}$  in  $\mathcal{K}$  such that

$$\mathbf{C} \rightarrow (\mathbf{B})_{l,t}^{\mathbf{A}}.$$

Otherwise, put  $t(\mathbf{A}, \mathcal{K}) = \infty$ .

We call  $t(\mathbf{A}, \mathcal{K})$  the **Ramsey degree** of  $\mathbf{A}$  in the class  $\mathcal{K}$ . We say that  $\mathcal{K}$  has the **Ramsey property** if  $t(\mathbf{A}, \mathcal{K}) = 1$  for all  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{K}$ .

## Example

- ▶ Finite linearly ordered sets have Ramsey degree 1 in the class of all **finite linear orderings**, i.e.,  $\mathbb{Q} \rightarrow (n)_l^k$  for all  $k, l, n < \omega$ .
- ▶ Complete graphs have Ramsey degree 1 in the class of all **finite graphs**, i.e.,  $\mathcal{R} \rightarrow (\mathbf{G})_l^k$  for all finite graphs  $\mathbf{G}$  and  $k, l < \omega$ .



# Ramsey degrees via expansions

## Ramsey degrees via expansions

Fix a countable ultrahomogeneous (relational)  $L$ -structure  $\mathbf{F}$ .

## Ramsey degrees via expansions

Fix a countable ultrahomogeneous (relational)  $L$ -structure  $\mathbf{F}$ .

Let  $\mathbf{F}^*$  be an ultrahomogeneous  $L^*$ -expansion of  $\mathbf{F}$ , where  $L^*$  adds to  $L$  finitely many, say  $n$ , relational symbols  $\{R_i : i < n\}$ .

## Ramsey degrees via expansions

Fix a countable ultrahomogeneous (relational)  $L$ -structure  $\mathbf{F}$ .

Let  $\mathbf{F}^*$  be an ultrahomogeneous  $L^*$ -expansion of  $\mathbf{F}$ , where  $L^*$  adds to  $L$  finitely many, say  $n$ , relational symbols  $\{R_i : i < n\}$ .

For  $\mathbf{A} \in \text{Age}(\mathbf{F})$ , set

$$X_{\mathbf{F}^*}^{\mathbf{A}} = \{(R_i^* : i < n) \in \prod_{i < n} 2^{\mathbf{A}^{k_i}} : (\mathbf{A}, R_0^*, \dots, R_{n-1}^*) \in \text{Age}(\mathbf{F}^*)\}.$$

$$t_{\mathbf{F}^*}(\mathbf{A}) = \frac{|X_{\mathbf{F}^*}^{\mathbf{A}}|}{|\text{Aut}(\mathbf{A})|}.$$

## Ramsey degrees via expansions

Fix a countable ultrahomogeneous (relational)  $L$ -structure  $\mathbf{F}$ .

Let  $\mathbf{F}^*$  be an ultrahomogeneous  $L^*$ -expansion of  $\mathbf{F}$ , where  $L^*$  adds to  $L$  finitely many, say  $n$ , relational symbols  $\{R_i : i < n\}$ .

For  $\mathbf{A} \in \text{Age}(\mathbf{F})$ , set

$$X_{\mathbf{F}^*}^{\mathbf{A}} = \{(R_i^* : i < n) \in \prod_{i < n} 2^{\mathbf{A}^{k_i}} : (\mathbf{A}, R_0^*, \dots, R_{n-1}^*) \in \text{Age}(\mathbf{F}^*)\}.$$

$$t_{\mathbf{F}^*}(\mathbf{A}) = \frac{|X_{\mathbf{F}^*}^{\mathbf{A}}|}{|\text{Aut}(\mathbf{A})|}.$$

### Proposition

If  $\text{Age}(\mathbf{F}^*)$  has the **Ramsey property**, then

$$t(\mathbf{A}, \text{Age}(\mathbf{F})) \leq t_{\mathbf{F}^*}(\mathbf{A}) \text{ for all } \mathbf{A} \in \text{Age}(\mathbf{F}),$$

## Ramsey degrees via expansions

Fix a countable ultrahomogeneous (relational)  $L$ -structure  $\mathbf{F}$ .

Let  $\mathbf{F}^*$  be an ultrahomogeneous  $L^*$ -expansion of  $\mathbf{F}$ , where  $L^*$  adds to  $L$  finitely many, say  $n$ , relational symbols  $\{R_i : i < n\}$ .

For  $\mathbf{A} \in \text{Age}(\mathbf{F})$ , set

$$X_{\mathbf{F}^*}^{\mathbf{A}} = \{(R_i^* : i < n) \in \prod_{i < n} 2^{\mathbf{A}^{k_i}} : (\mathbf{A}, R_0^*, \dots, R_{n-1}^*) \in \text{Age}(\mathbf{F}^*)\}.$$

$$t_{\mathbf{F}^*}(\mathbf{A}) = \frac{|X_{\mathbf{F}^*}^{\mathbf{A}}|}{|\text{Aut}(\mathbf{A})|}.$$

### Proposition

If  $\text{Age}(\mathbf{F}^*)$  has the **Ramsey property**, then

$$t(\mathbf{A}, \text{Age}(\mathbf{F})) \leq t_{\mathbf{F}^*}(\mathbf{A}) \text{ for all } \mathbf{A} \in \text{Age}(\mathbf{F}),$$

and so, in particular  $t(\mathbf{A}, \text{Age}(\mathbf{F})) < \infty$  for all  $\mathbf{A} \in \text{Age}(\mathbf{F})$ .

## Definition

For  $\mathbf{F}$  and  $\mathbf{F}^*$  as above, we say that  $\mathbf{F}^*$  has the **expansion property** relative to  $\mathbf{F}$  whenever

$$\forall \mathbf{A}^* \in \text{Age}(\mathbf{F}^*) \quad \exists \mathbf{B} \in \text{Age}(\mathbf{F}) \quad \forall \mathbf{B}^* \in \text{Age}(\mathbf{F}^*)$$

$$[\mathbf{B}^* \upharpoonright L = \mathbf{B} \implies \mathbf{A}^* \leq \mathbf{B}^*].$$

## Definition

For  $\mathbf{F}$  and  $\mathbf{F}^*$  as above, we say that  $\mathbf{F}^*$  has the **expansion property** relative to  $\mathbf{F}$  whenever

$$\forall \mathbf{A}^* \in \text{Age}(\mathbf{F}^*) \quad \exists \mathbf{B} \in \text{Age}(\mathbf{F}) \quad \forall \mathbf{B}^* \in \text{Age}(\mathbf{F}^*)$$

$$[\mathbf{B}^* \upharpoonright L = \mathbf{B} \implies \mathbf{A}^* \leq \mathbf{B}^*].$$

## Proposition

If the expansion  $\mathbf{F}^*$  has both the **Ramsey property** and the **expansion property** relative to  $\mathbf{F}$ , then

$$t(\mathbf{A}, \text{Age}(\mathbf{F})) = t_{\mathbf{F}^*}(\mathbf{A}) \text{ for all } \mathbf{A} \in \text{Age}(\mathbf{F}).$$



# Application to topological dynamics

# Application to topological dynamics

Theorem (Kechris-Pestov-T., 2005, Nguyen Van Thé 2013)

Let  $\mathbf{F}$  be a countable relational ultrahomogeneous structure and let  $\mathbf{F}^*$  be its **precompact** relational expansion.

# Application to topological dynamics

Theorem (Kechris-Pestov-T., 2005, Nguyen Van Thé 2013)

*Let  $\mathbf{F}$  be a countable relational ultrahomogeneous structure and let  $\mathbf{F}^*$  be its **precompact** relational expansion. The following are equivalent:*

# Application to topological dynamics

Theorem (Kechris-Pestov-T., 2005, Nguyen Van Thé 2013)

Let  $\mathbf{F}$  be a countable relational ultrahomogeneous structure and let  $\mathbf{F}^*$  be its **precompact** relational expansion. The following are equivalent:

- ▶ The action of  $\text{Aut}(\mathbf{F})$  on the space  $X_{\mathbf{F}^*}$  of all  $\mathbf{F}^*$ -admissible  $L^* \setminus L$ -relations on  $\mathbf{F}$  is the **universal minimal flow** of the group  $\text{Aut}(\mathbf{F})$ .

# Application to topological dynamics

Theorem (Kechris-Pestov-T., 2005, Nguyen Van Thé 2013)

Let  $\mathbf{F}$  be a countable relational ultrahomogeneous structure and let  $\mathbf{F}^*$  be its **precompact** relational expansion. The following are equivalent:

- ▶ The action of  $\text{Aut}(\mathbf{F})$  on the space  $X_{\mathbf{F}^*}$  of all  $\mathbf{F}^*$ -admissible  $L^* \setminus L$ -relations on  $\mathbf{F}$  is the **universal minimal flow** of the group  $\text{Aut}(\mathbf{F})$ .
- ▶  $\mathbf{F}^*$  has the **Ramsey property** as well as the **expansion property** relative to  $\mathbf{F}$ .

# Application to topological dynamics

Theorem (Kechris-Pestov-T., 2005, Nguyen Van Thé 2013)

Let  $\mathbf{F}$  be a countable relational ultrahomogeneous structure and let  $\mathbf{F}^*$  be its **precompact** relational expansion. The following are equivalent:

- ▶ The action of  $\text{Aut}(\mathbf{F})$  on the space  $X_{\mathbf{F}^*}$  of all  $\mathbf{F}^*$ -admissible  $L^* \setminus L$ -relations on  $\mathbf{F}$  is the **universal minimal flow** of the group  $\text{Aut}(\mathbf{F})$ .
- ▶  $\mathbf{F}^*$  has the **Ramsey property** as well as the **expansion property** relative to  $\mathbf{F}$ .

Theorem (Zucker 2014)

Let  $\mathbf{F}$  be a countable locally finite ultrahomogeneous structure. If the group  $\text{Aut}(\mathbf{F})$  has **metrizable universal minimal flow** then  $t(\mathbf{A}, \text{Age}(\mathbf{F})) < \infty$  for all  $\mathbf{A} \in \text{Age}(\mathbf{F})$ .