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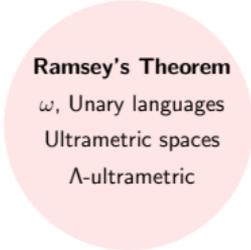
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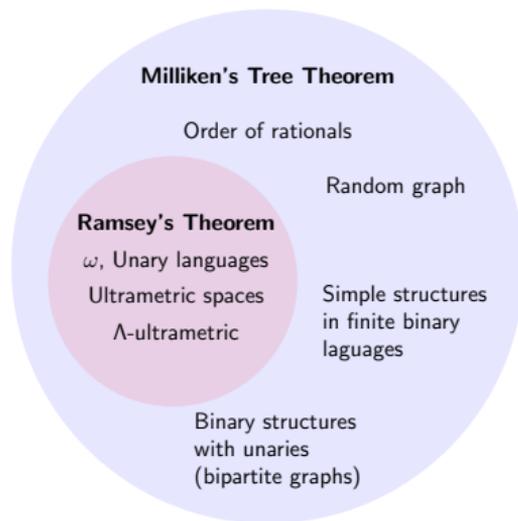
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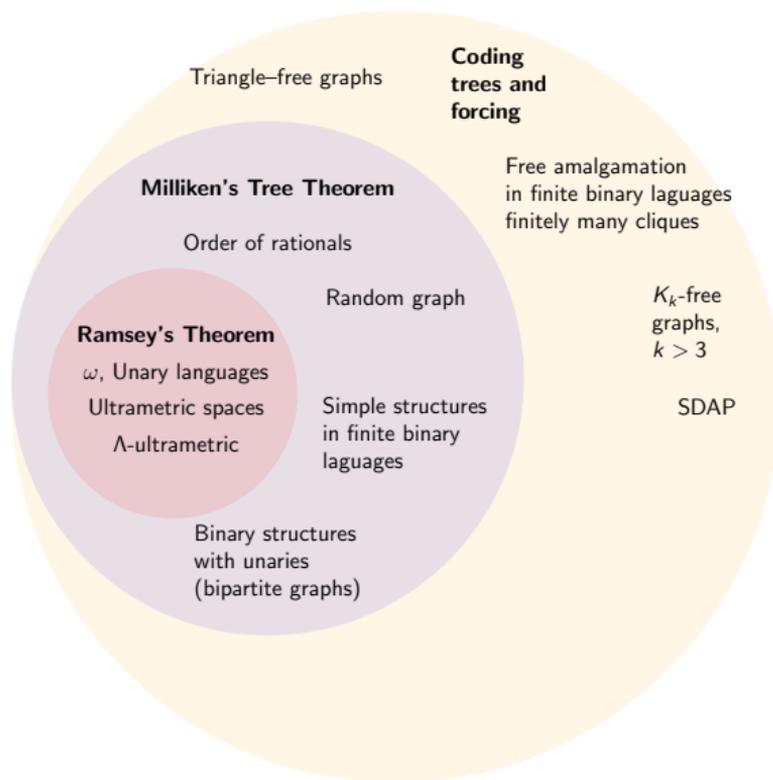
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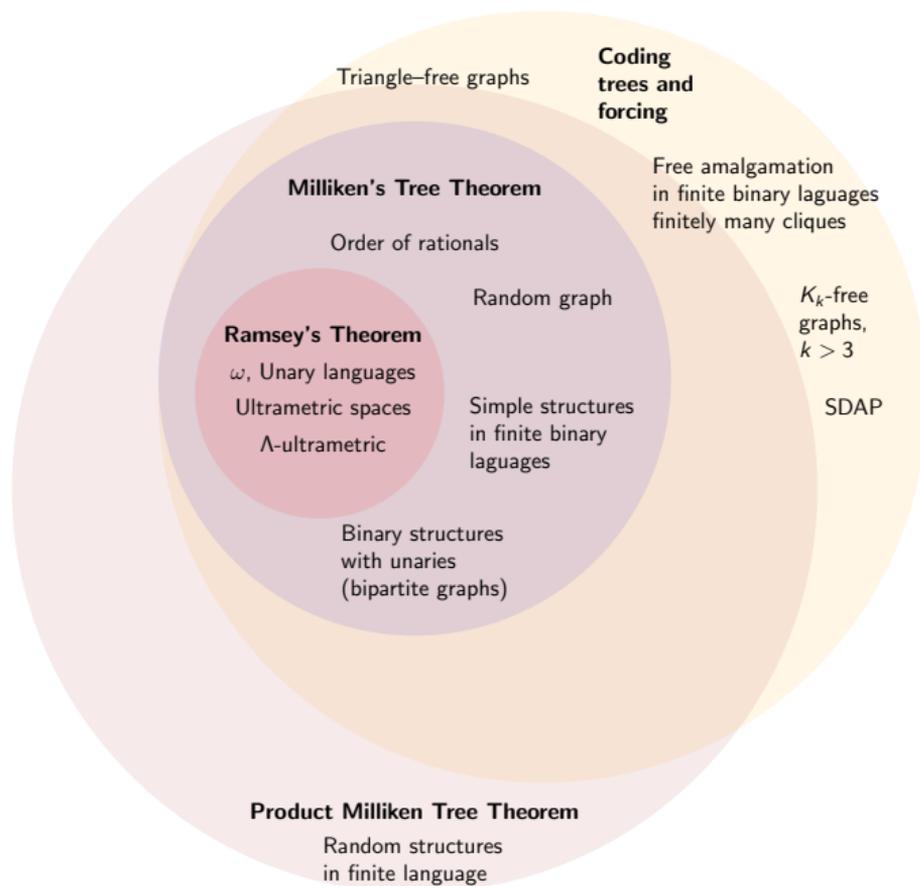
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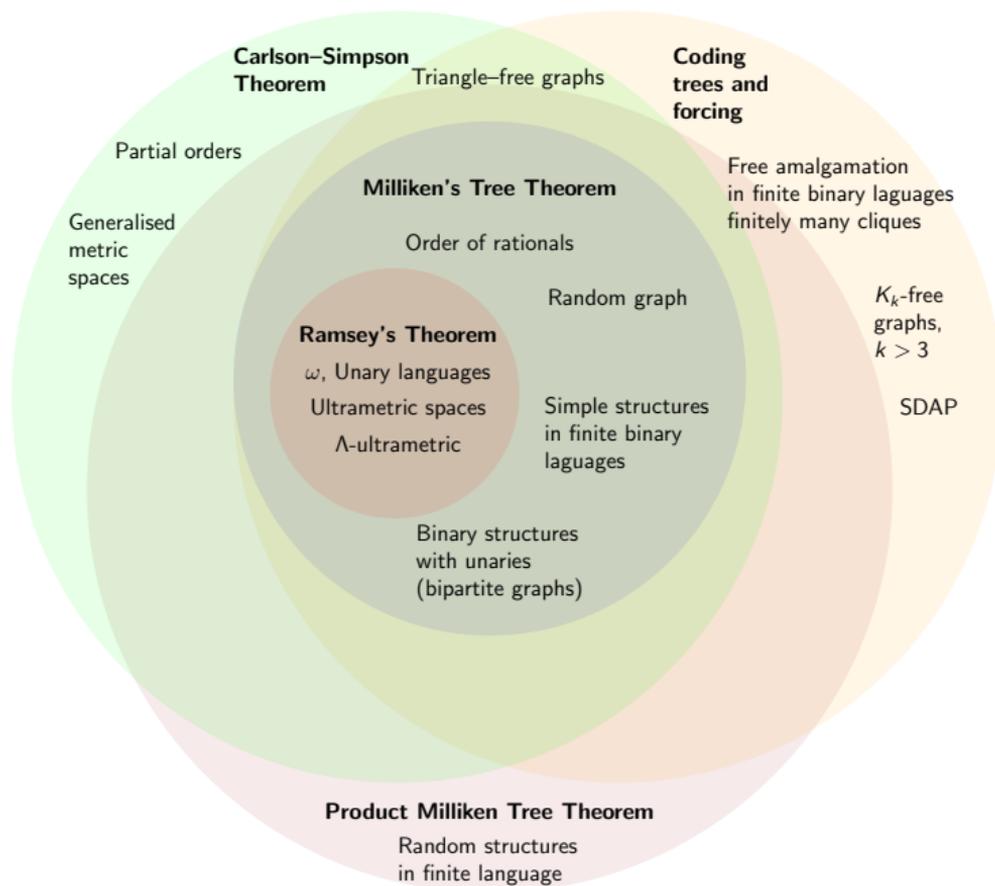
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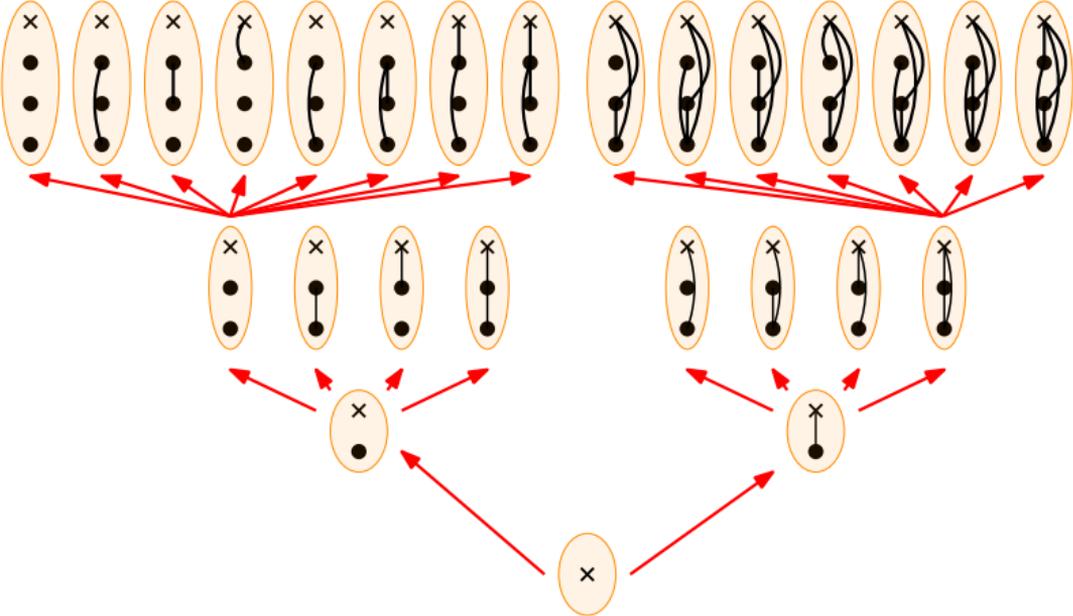
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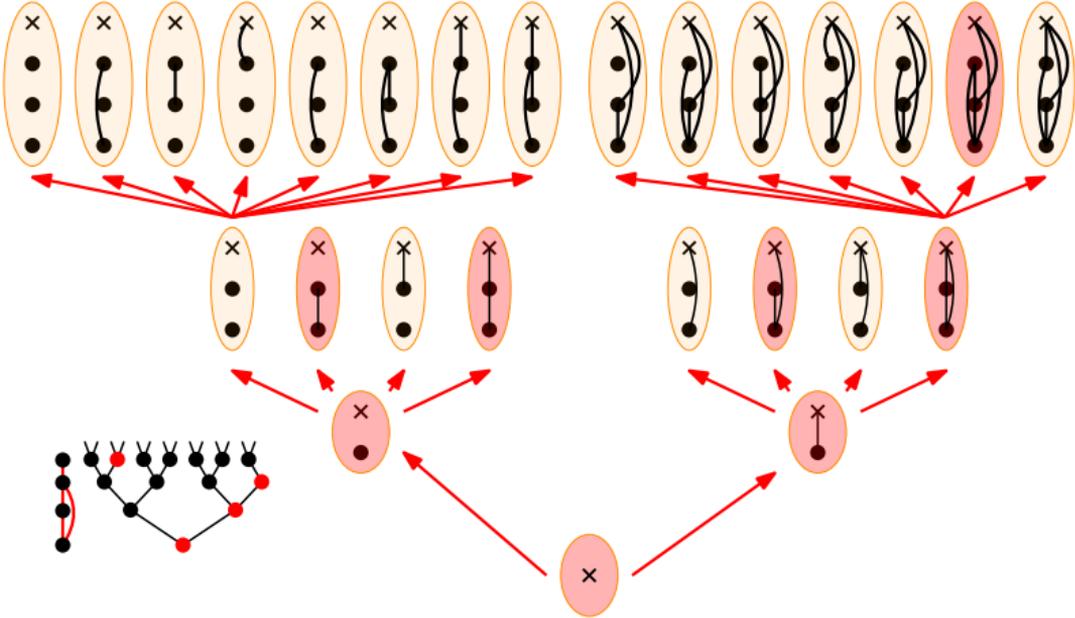
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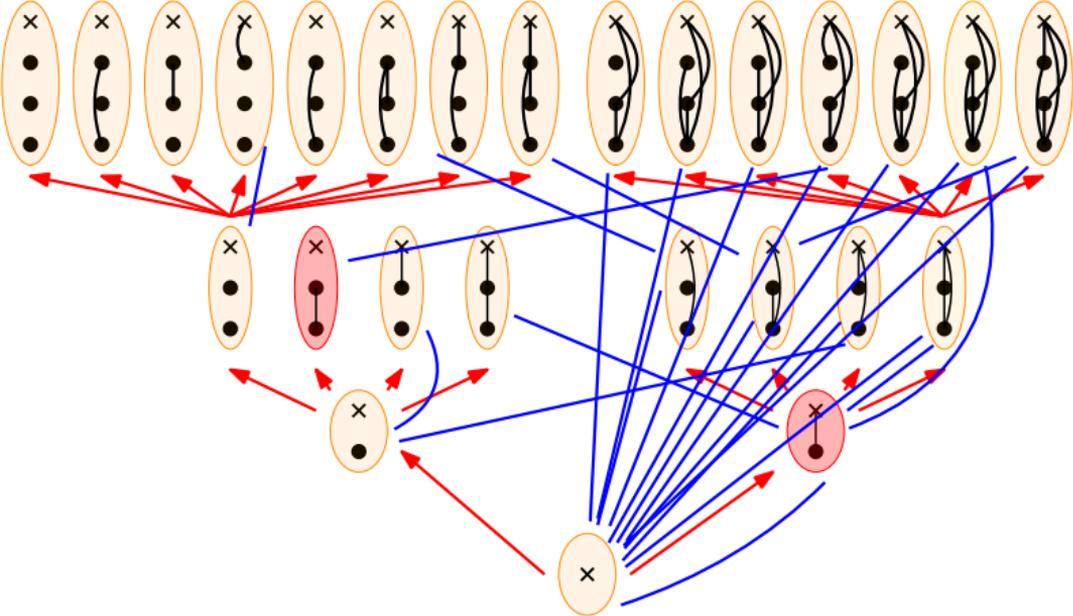
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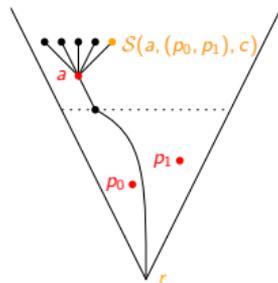
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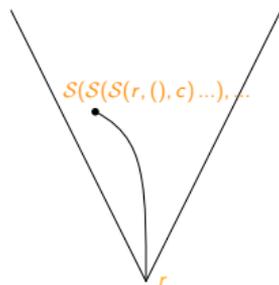
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Consider the binary tree of $\{0, 1\}$ -words (B, \sqsubseteq) and denote by r its root. \mathcal{S} can be defined only for empty \bar{p} as a concatenation.

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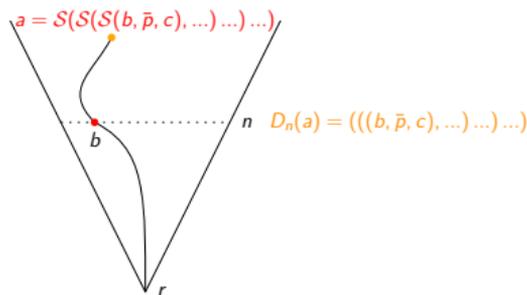
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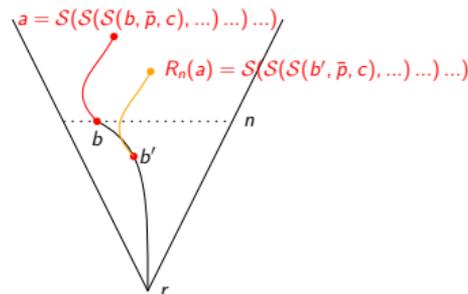
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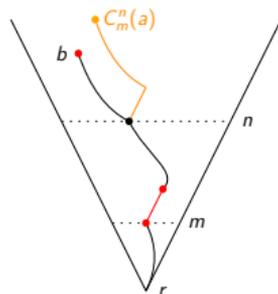
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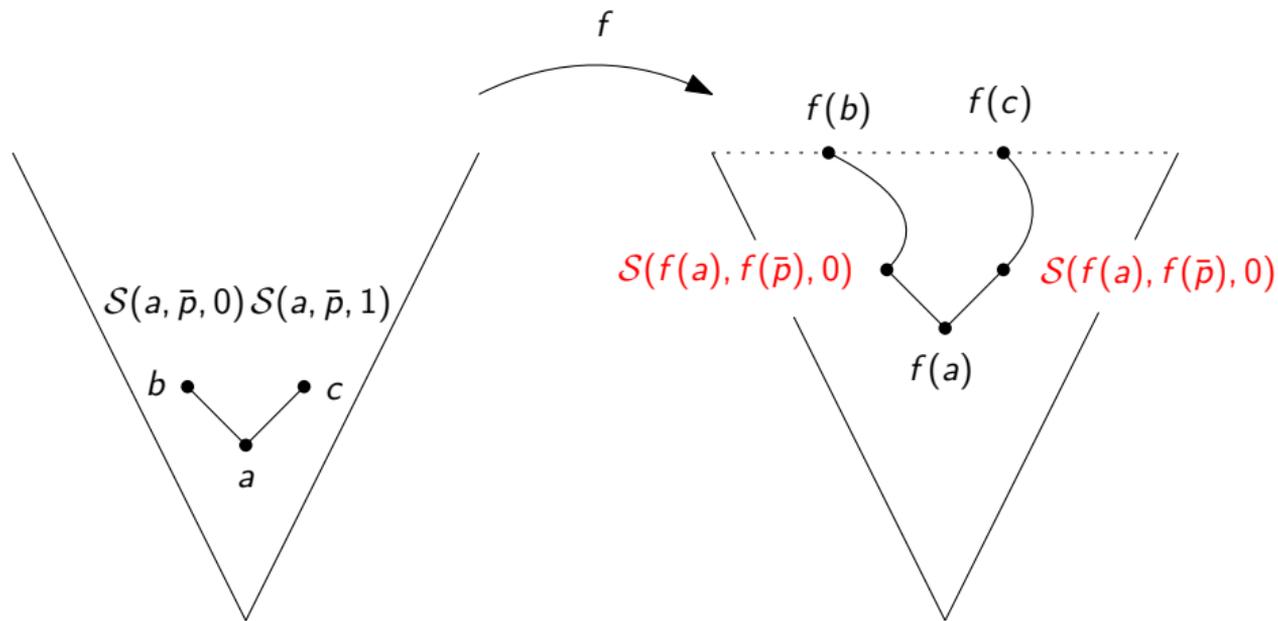


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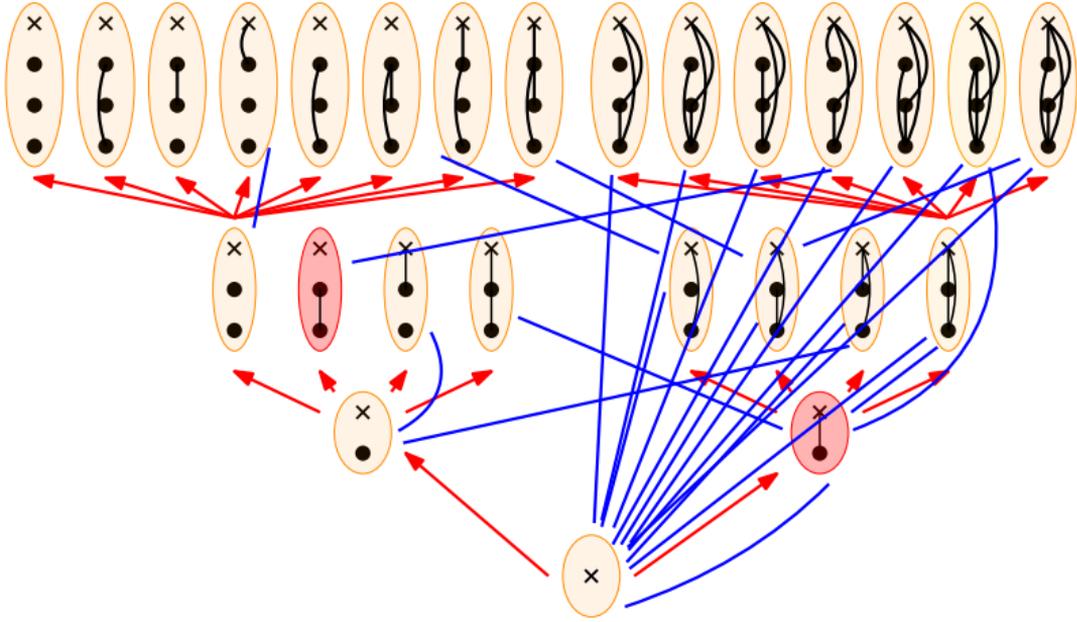
We want to give non-forcing proof of:

Theorem (Zucker 2020+)

Let L be a finite binary language and \mathcal{F} a finite family of irreducible L -structures. Then every countable universal \mathcal{F} -free structure has finite big Ramsey degrees.

We fix family \mathcal{F} . Examples are for $\mathcal{F} = \{K_4\}$.

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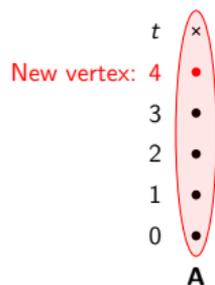
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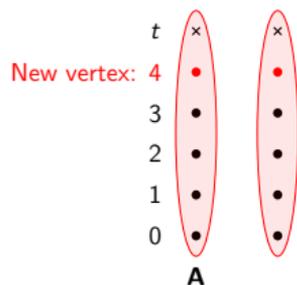
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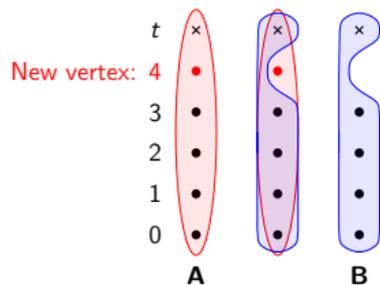
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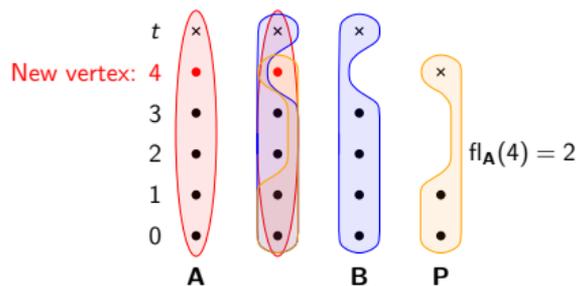
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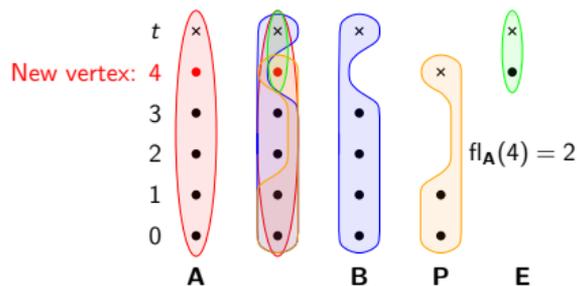
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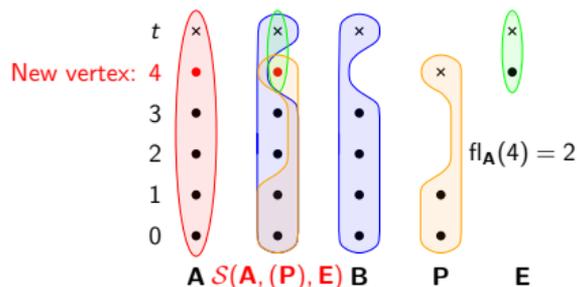
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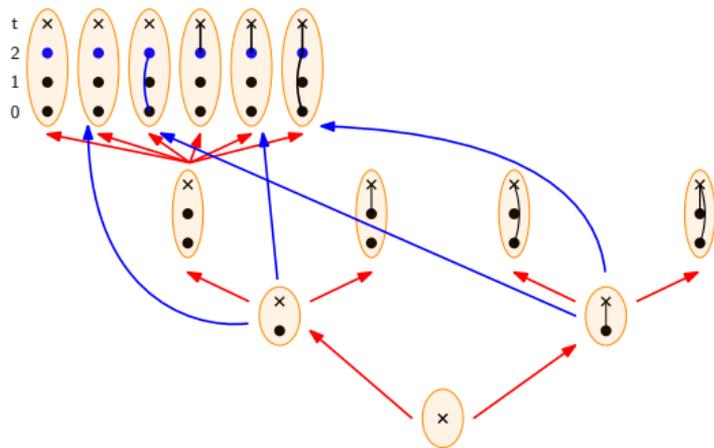
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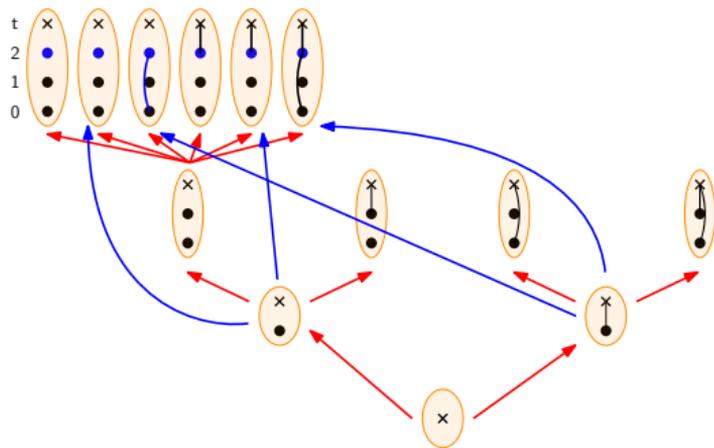
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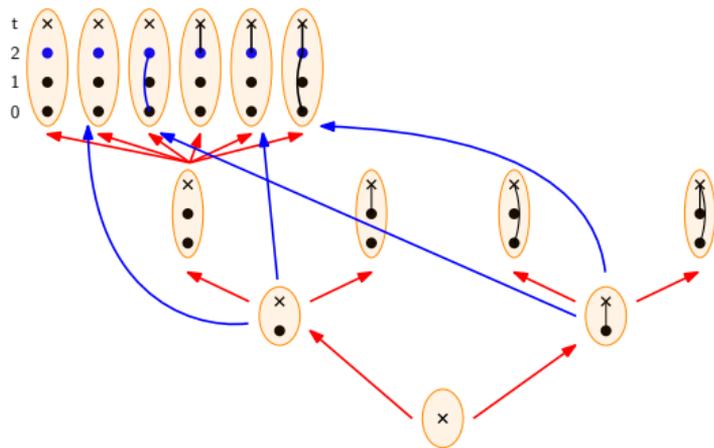
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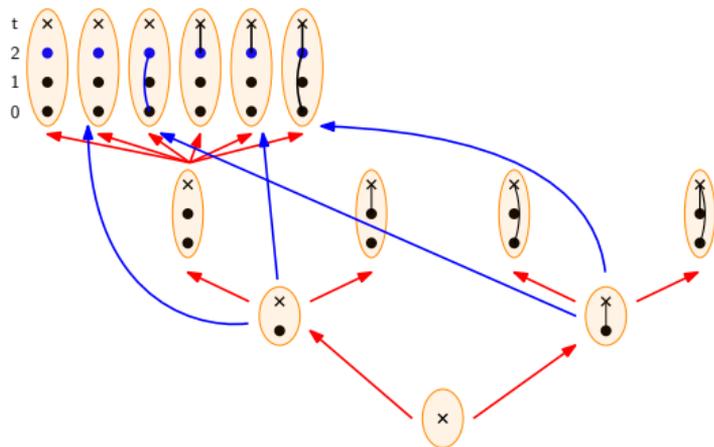
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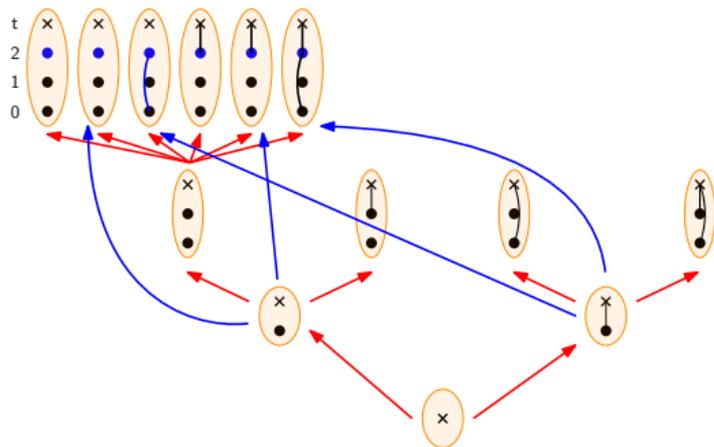
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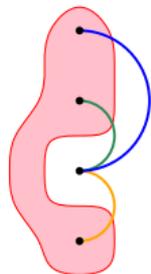
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Open problem: Does class of all finite structures omitting the following substructure have finite big Ramsey degrees?



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