

# Ramsey theorems for classes of structures with functions and relations

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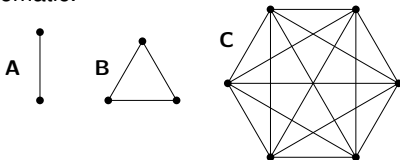
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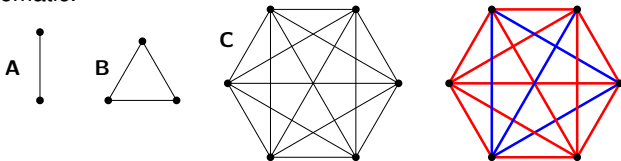
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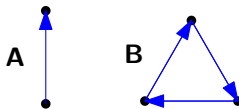
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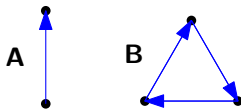
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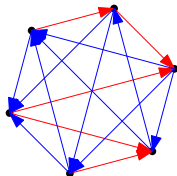


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Vertices of  $\mathbf{C}$  can be linearly ordered and edges coloured accordingly:

- If edge goes forward in linear order it is **red**
- **blue** otherwise.





# Ramsey classes

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A class  $\mathcal{C}$  of finite  $L$ -structures is **Ramsey** iff  $\forall \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \in \mathcal{C} \exists \mathbf{C} \in \mathcal{C} : \mathbf{C} \longrightarrow (\mathbf{B})_2^{\mathbf{A}}$ .

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## Example (Structures — Nešetřil-Rödl, 76; Abramson-Harrington, 78)

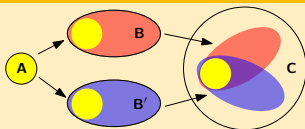
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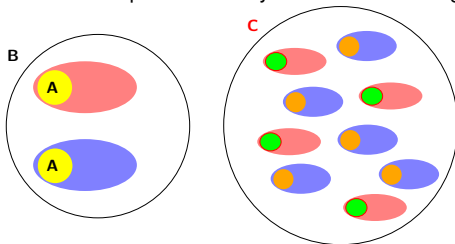
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# Ramsey classes are amalgamation classes

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Nešetřil, 80's: Under mild assumptions Ramsey classes have amalgamation property.

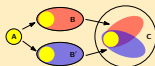


# Fraïssé limits

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A class  $\mathcal{K}$  of finite relational structures is called an **amalgamation class** if the following conditions hold:

- 1  $\mathcal{K}$  is hereditary (closed under substructures).
- 2  $\mathcal{K}$  is closed under isomorphisms.
- 3  $\mathcal{K}$  has only countably many mutually non-isomorphic structures.
- 4  $\mathcal{K}$  has the amalgamation property



A structure  $\mathbf{A}$  is **homogeneous** if every isomorphism of two induced finite substructures of  $\mathbf{A}$  can be extended to an automorphism of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

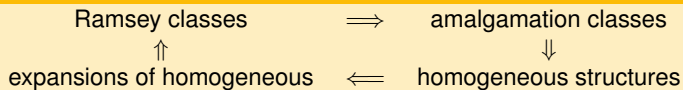
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## Theorem (Fraïssé)

*A class  $\mathcal{K}$  of finite structures is the age of a countable homogeneous structure  $\mathbf{G}$  if and only if  $\mathcal{K}$  is an amalgamation class.*

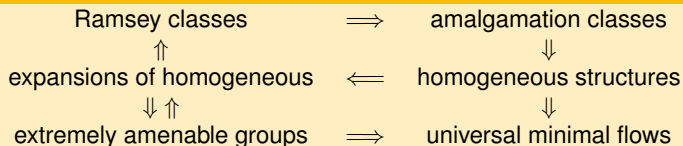
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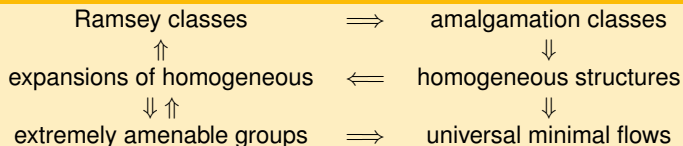
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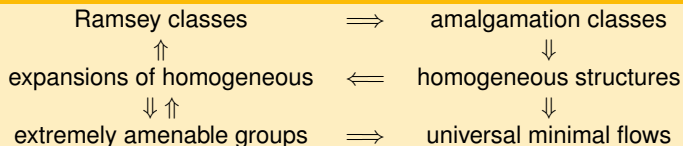
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## Theorem (Nešetřil, 1989)

*All homogeneous graphs have Ramsey expansion.*

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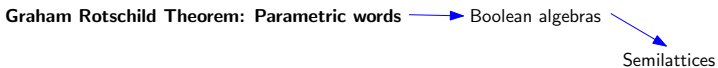
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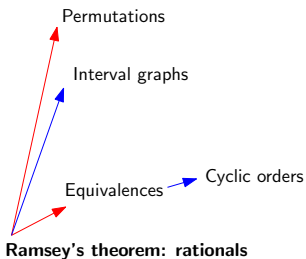
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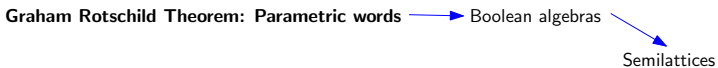
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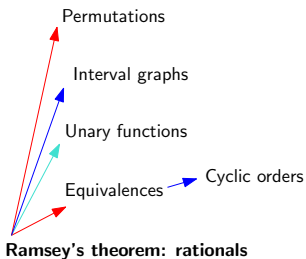
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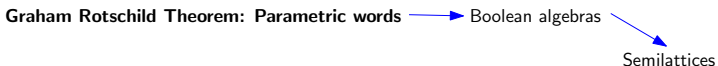


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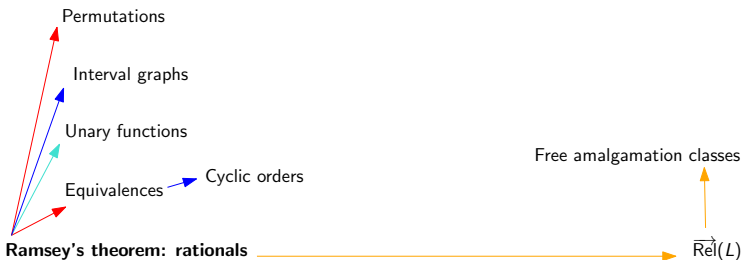
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Dual structural Ramsey theorem

**Graham Rotschild Theorem: Parametric words**

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Semilattices

Partial Steiner systems

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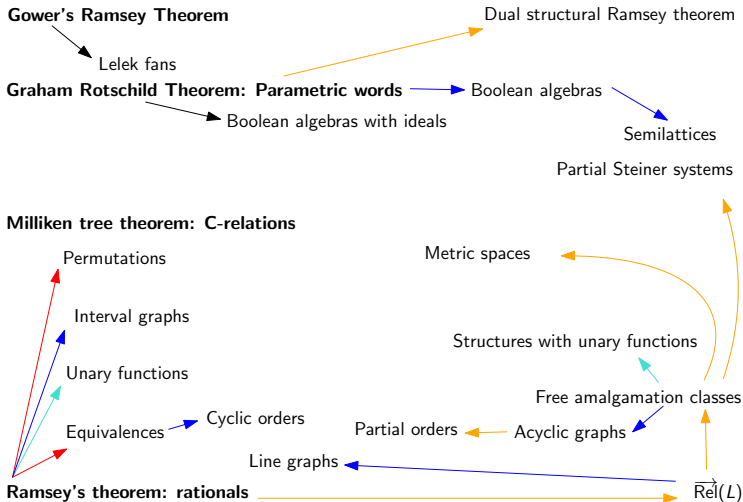
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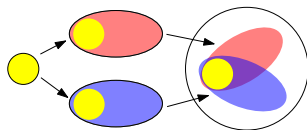
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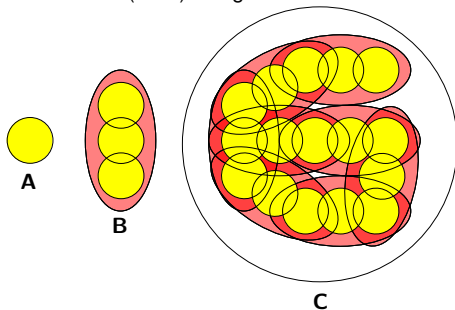
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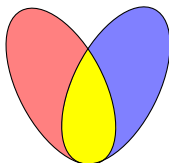
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The Nešetřil-Rödl partite construction of Ramsey object demands more complicated (multi)amalgamations.



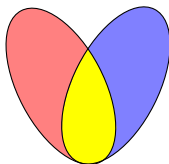
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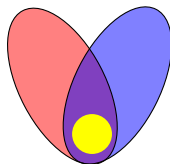
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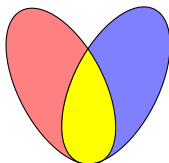


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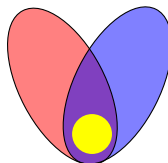


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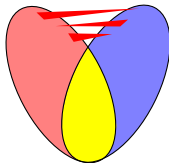
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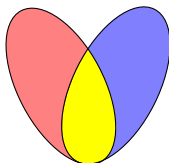


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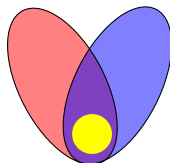


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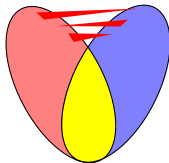
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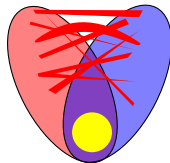
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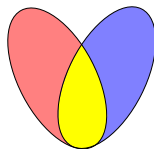
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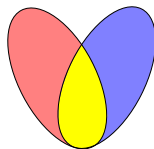


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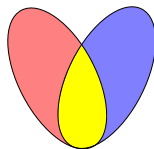
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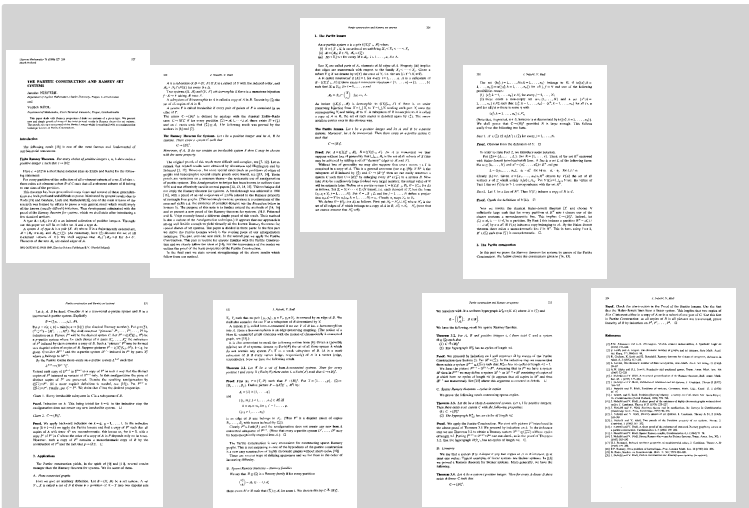
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# Nešetřil-Rödl: The Partite Construction and Ramsey Set Systems (1989)







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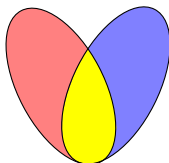
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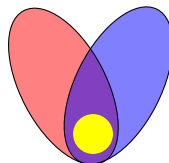
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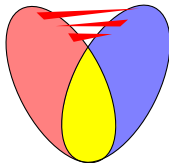


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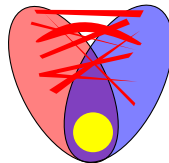
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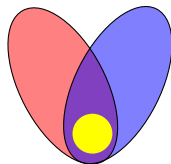
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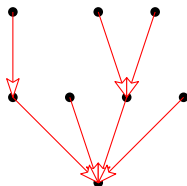
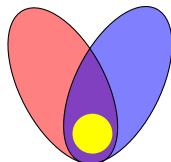
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- Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be the class of all finite structure with one unary function which represent a forest:  $F(\text{son}) = \text{father}$ .
- **No ordering property**: forests can always be ordered level-wise.



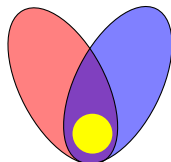


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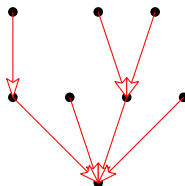
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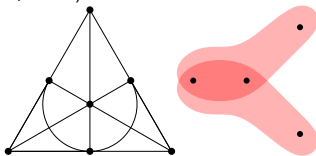
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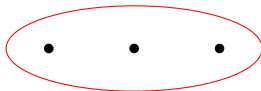
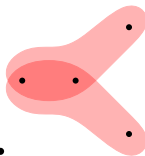
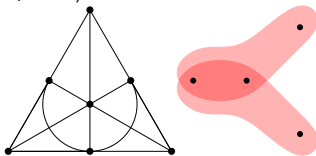
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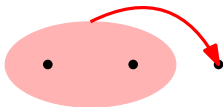
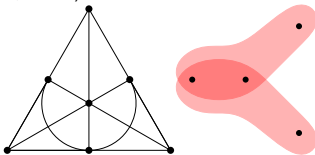
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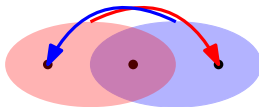
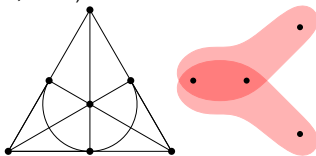
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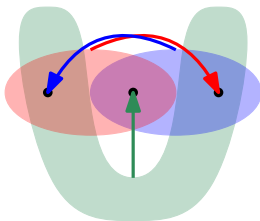
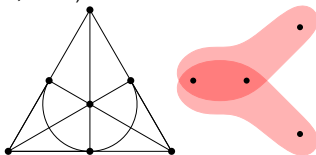
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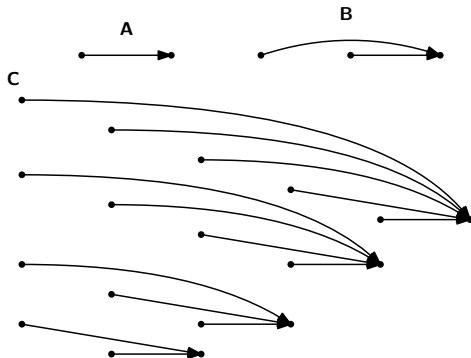
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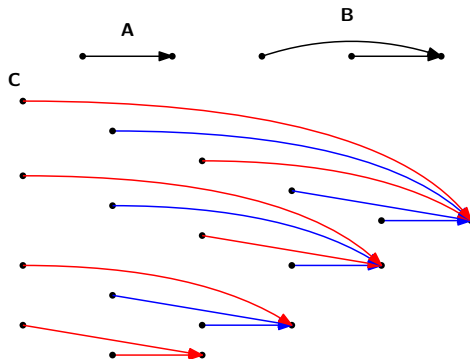
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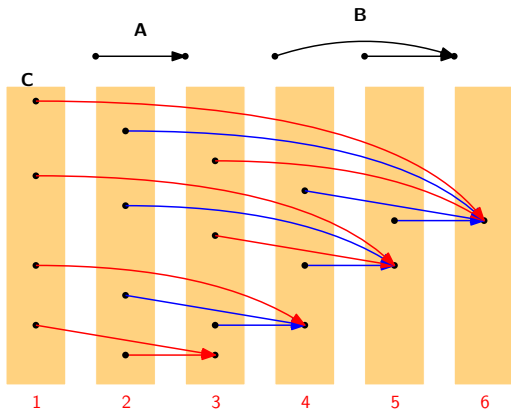
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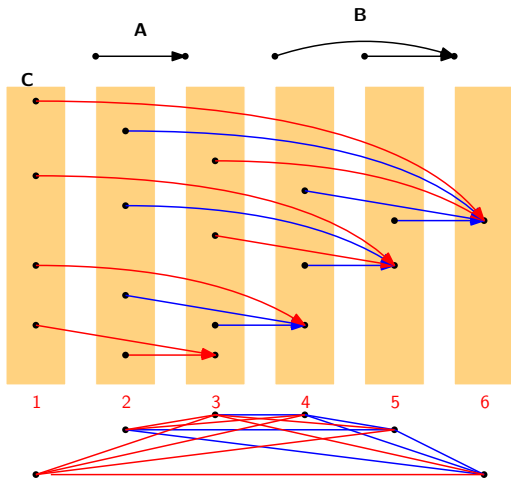


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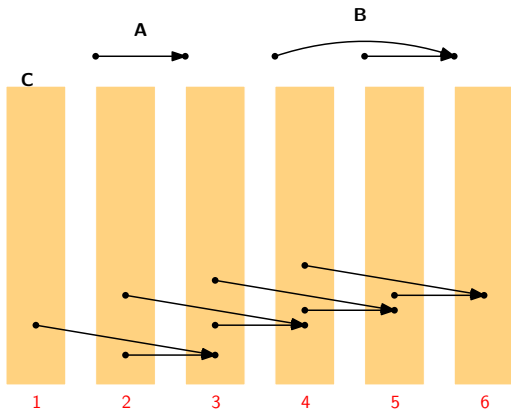
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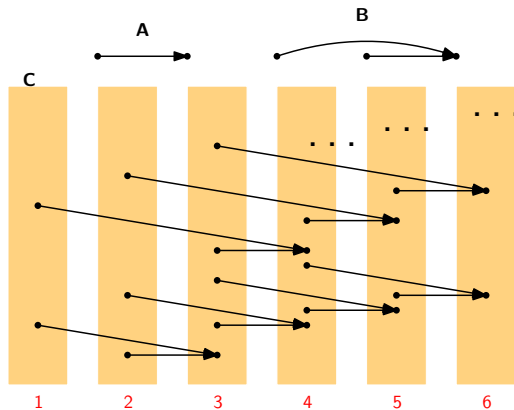
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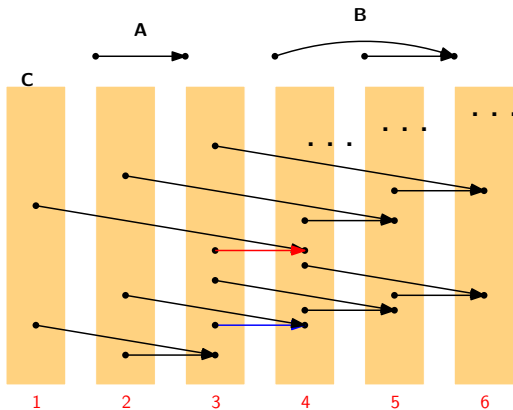
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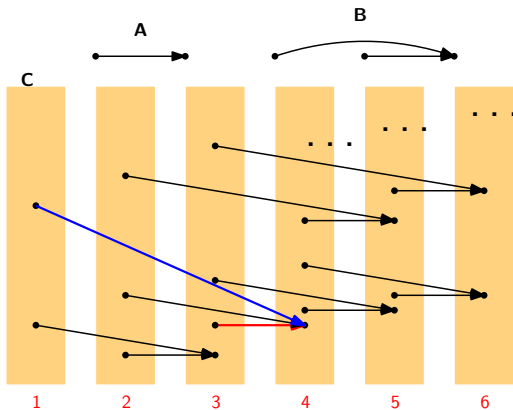


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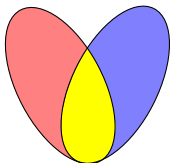
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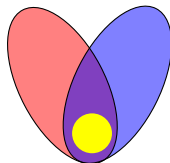
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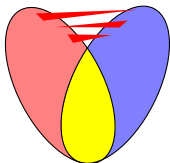
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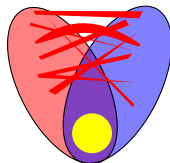
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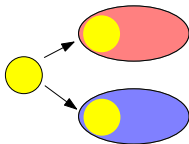
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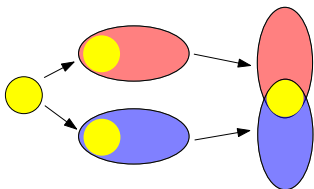
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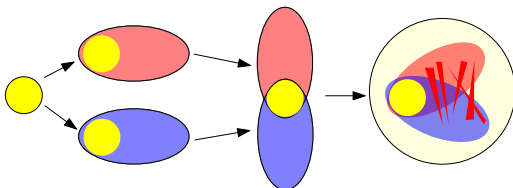
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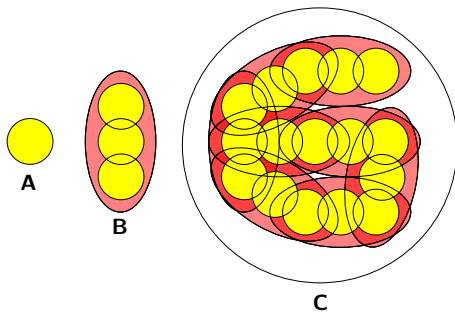
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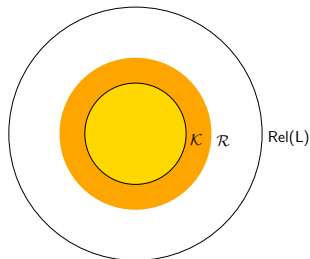
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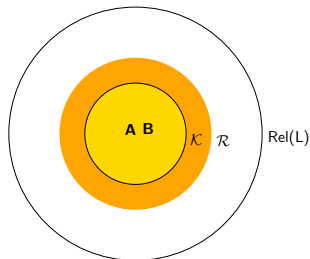
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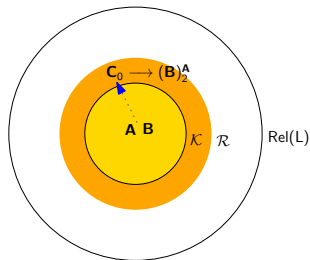
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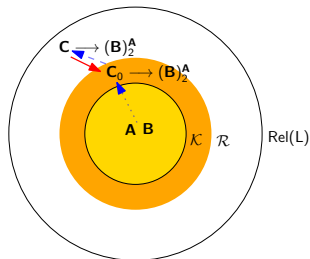
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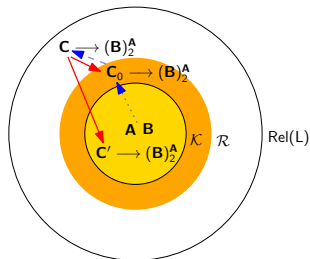
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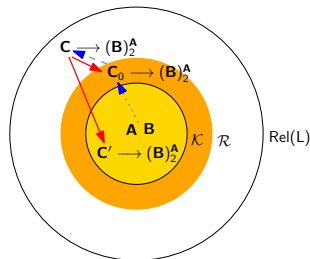
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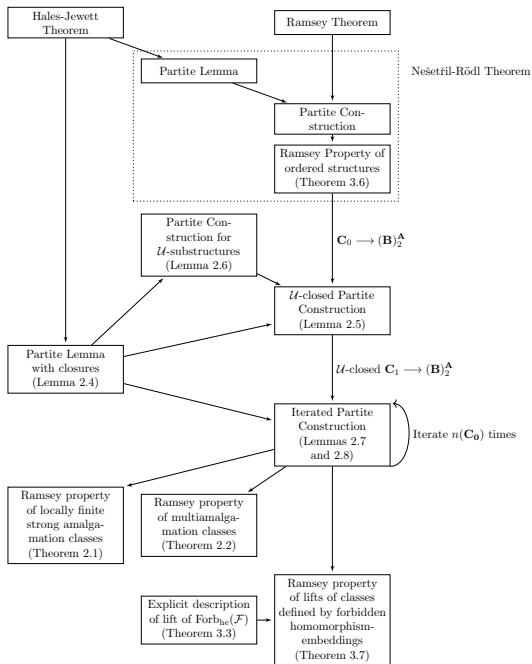


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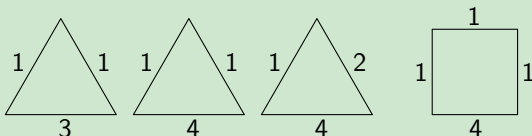




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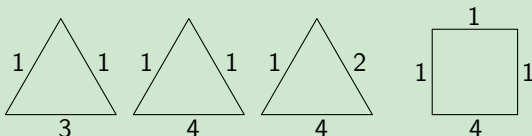
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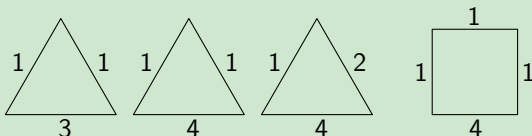


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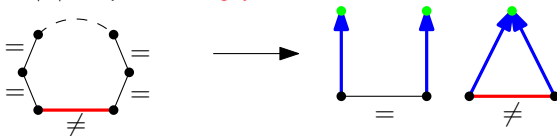
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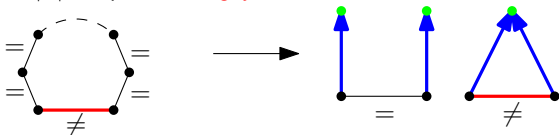


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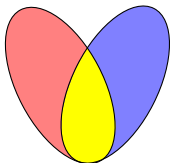
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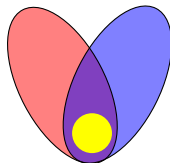
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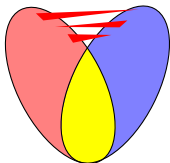
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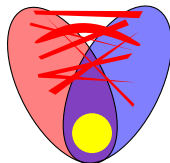
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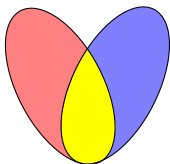
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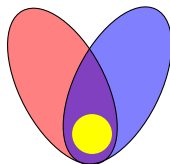
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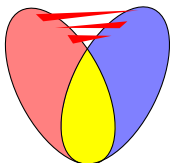
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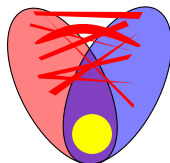
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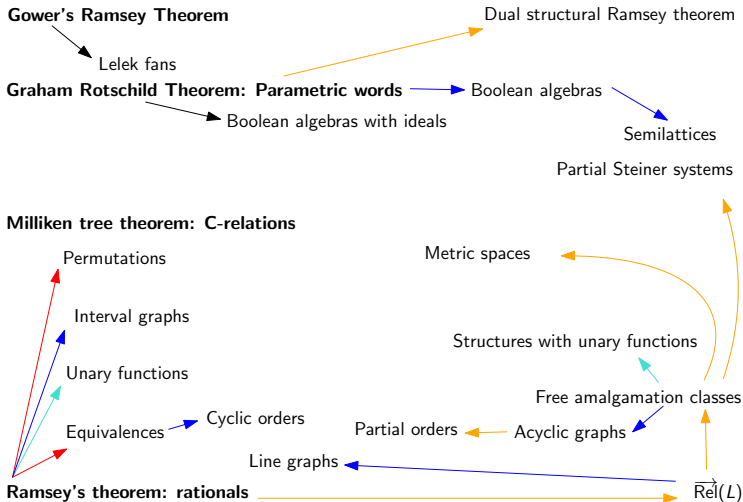
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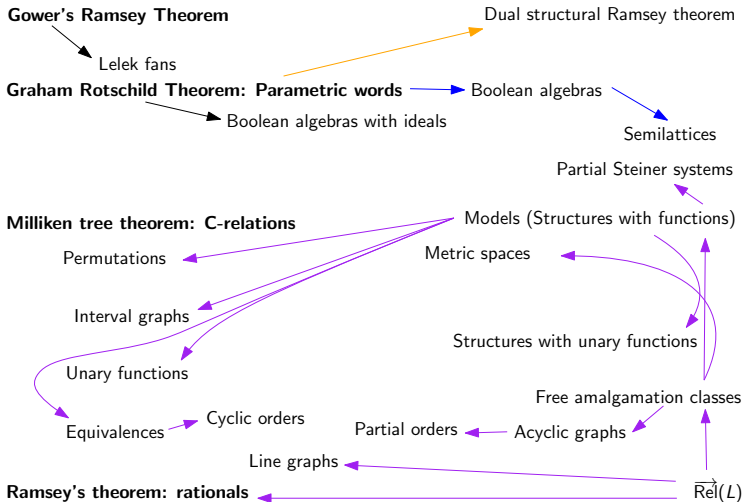


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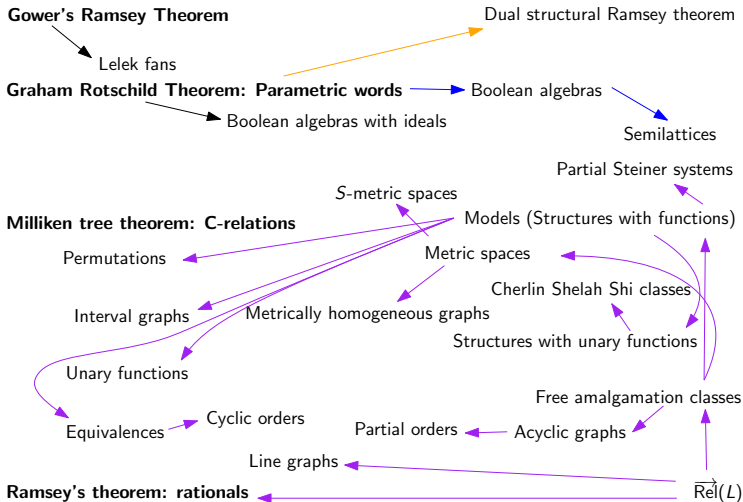
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# Other “better amalgamations”

Our approach also applies to:

- Extension property for partial automorphisms (Hrushovski property)
  - Graphs ([Hrushovski, 1992](#))
  - Relational structures, forbidden irreducible substructures ([Herwig, 1998](#))
  - Free amalgamation classes ([Hodkinson, Otto, 2003](#); [Siniora, Solecki, 2016+](#))
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