

Monochromatic sumsets for colourings of \mathbb{R}

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There is $f : [\aleph_1]^2 \rightarrow \aleph_1$ so that $f''[X]^2 = \aleph_1$ for any uncountable $X \subset \aleph_1$.

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If $f : [2^{\aleph_0}]^2 \rightarrow 3$ then there is an uncountable $X \subset 2^{\aleph_0}$ with $|f''[X]^2| \leq 2$.

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Here $X \oplus X = \{x + y : x \neq y \in X\}$ i.e. **repetitions are not allowed**.

Proof:

- if $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow r$ then let $g : [\mathbb{N}]^2 \rightarrow r$ defined by $g(x, y) = f(x + y)$,
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- $\mathbb{Q} \not\rightarrow^+ (\aleph_0)_{72}$.
- $G(m) \not\rightarrow^+ (\aleph_0)_{72}$ for $m < \omega$.
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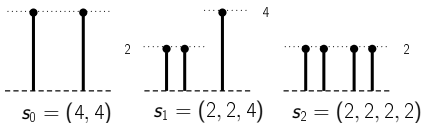
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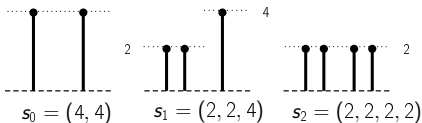
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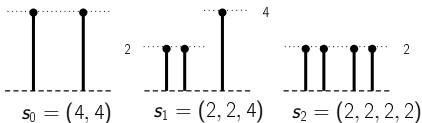
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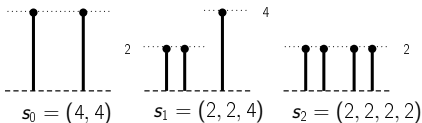
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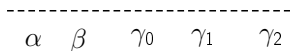
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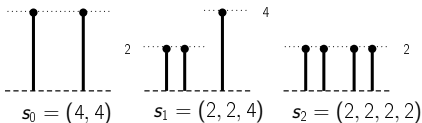
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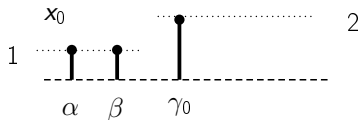
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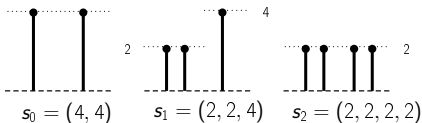
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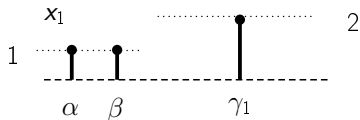
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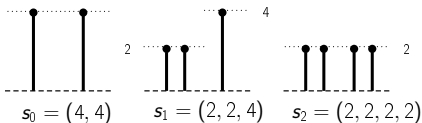
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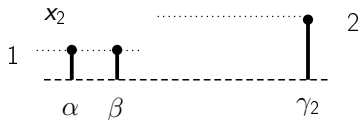
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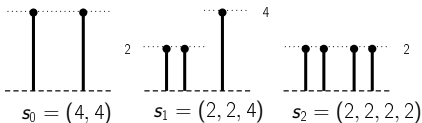
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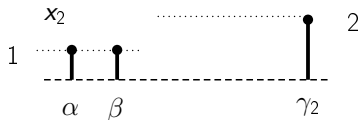
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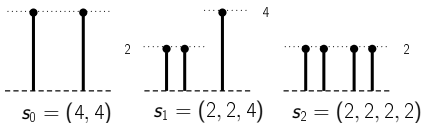
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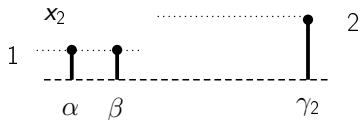
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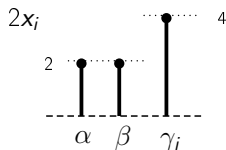
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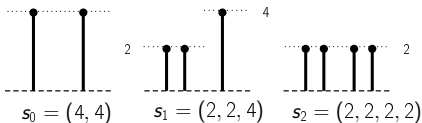
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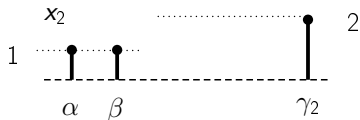
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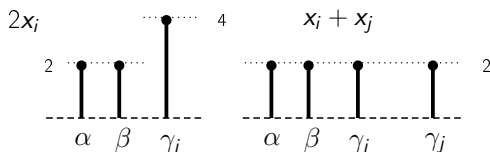
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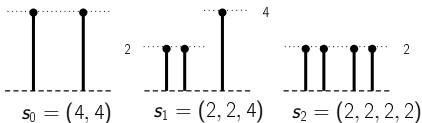
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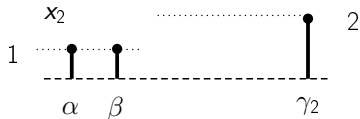
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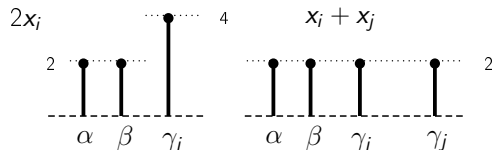
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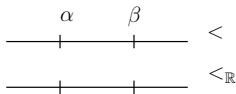
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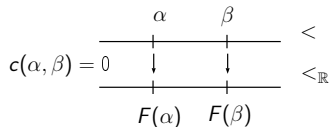
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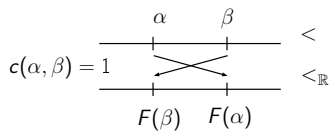
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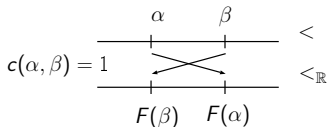
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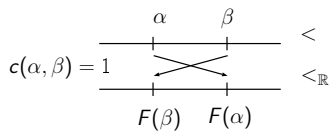
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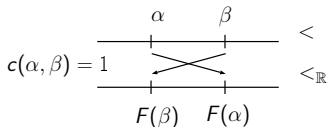
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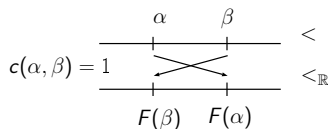
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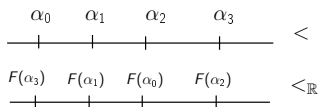
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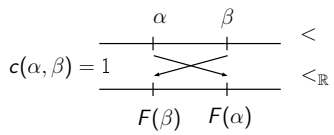
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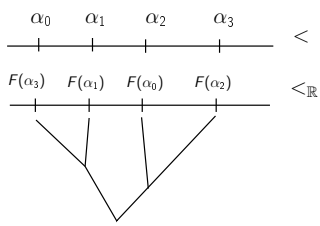
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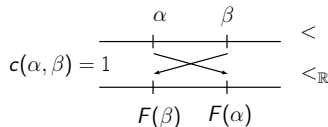
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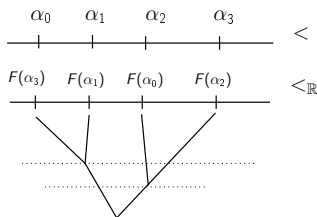
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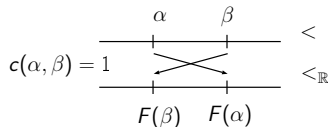
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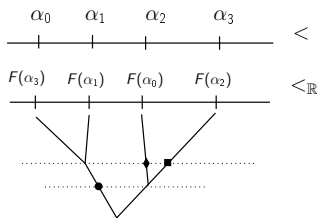
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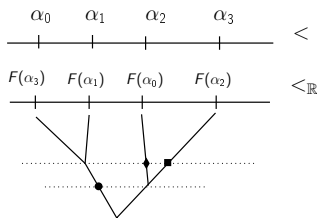
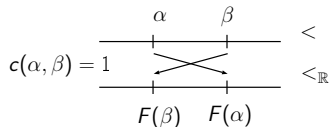
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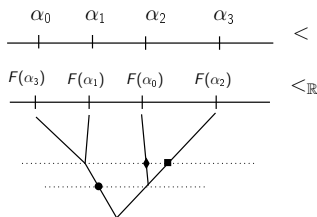
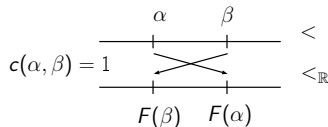
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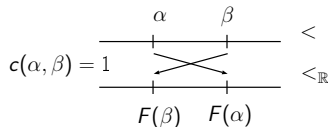
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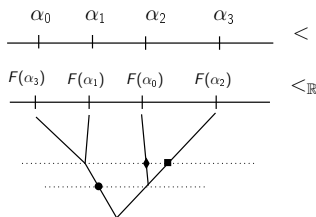
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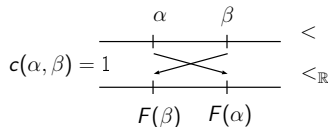
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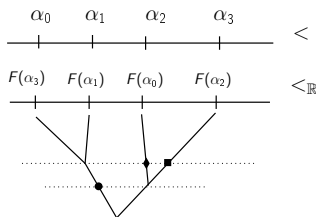
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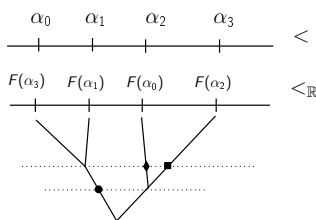
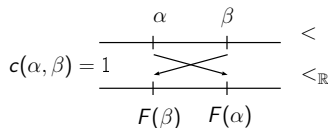
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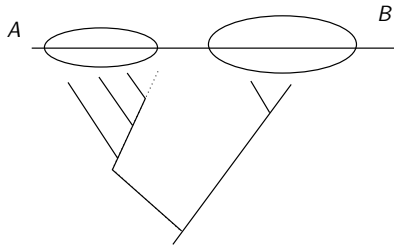
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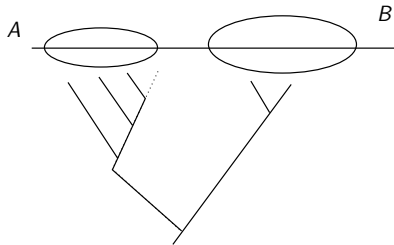
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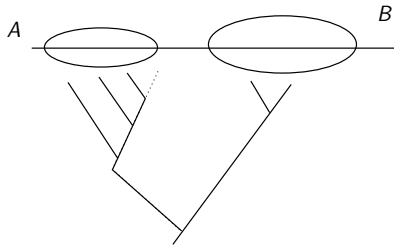
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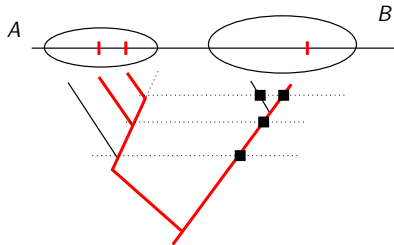
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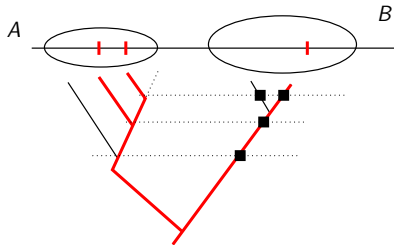
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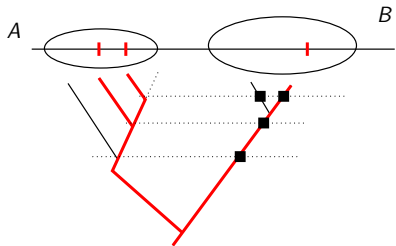
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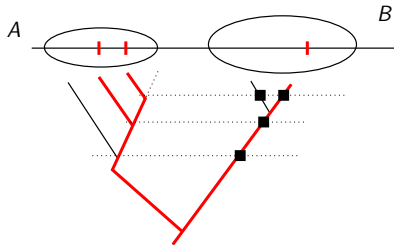
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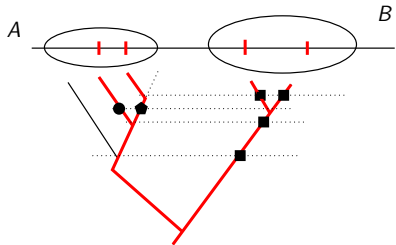
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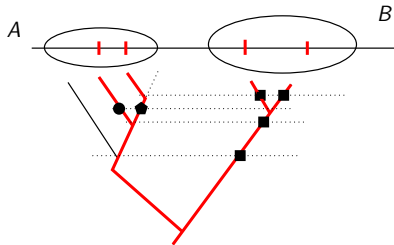
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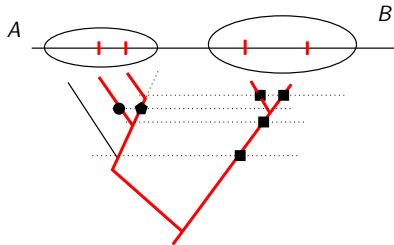
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