

# Overgroups of the Automorphism Group of the Rado Graph

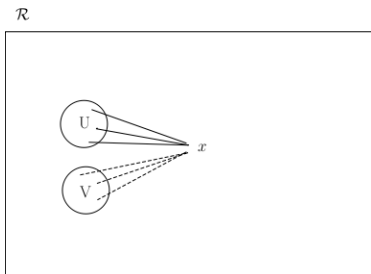
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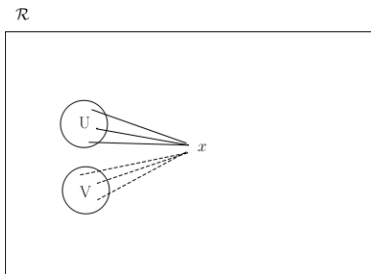
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Let  $W_{\mathcal{R}}(U, V)$  be the collection of all these witness  $x$

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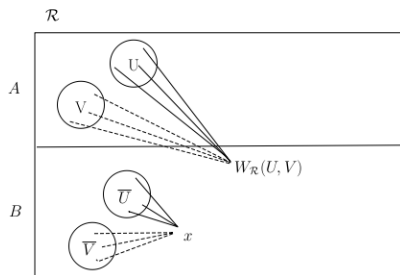
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Proof: If  $A$  is not Rado with bad pair  $U, V$ , then  $W_{\mathcal{R}}(U, V) \subseteq B$ .

But  $W_{\mathcal{R}}(U \cup \bar{U}, V \cup \bar{V}) = W_{\mathcal{R}}(U, V) \cap W_{\mathcal{R}}(\bar{U}, \bar{V})$ .



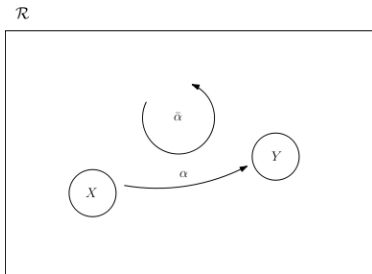
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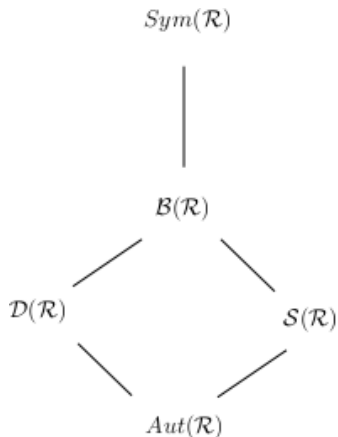
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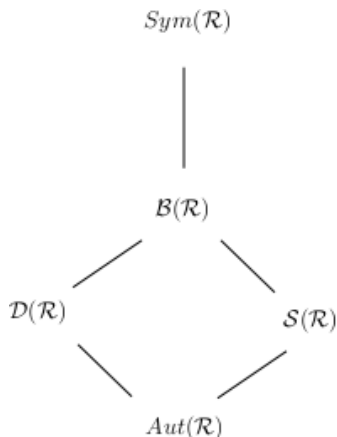




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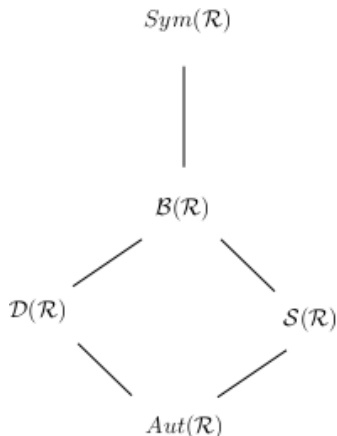
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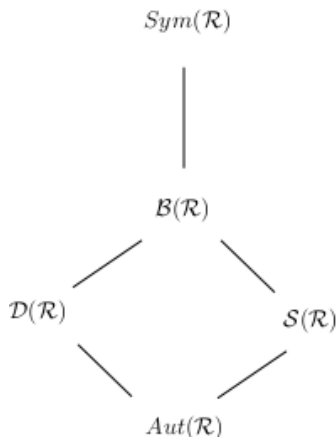
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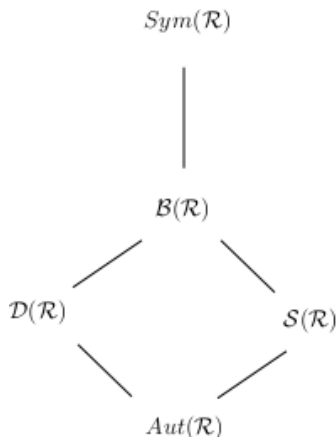
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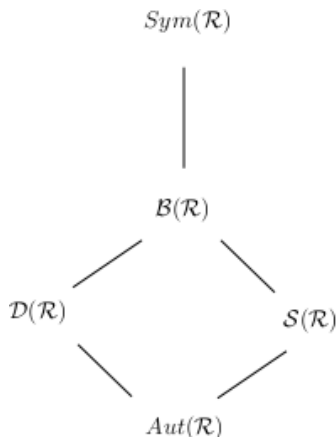
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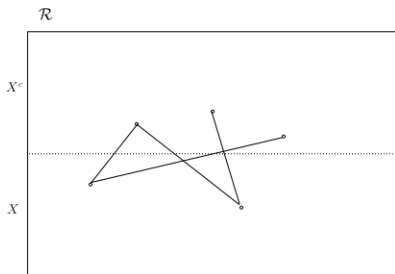
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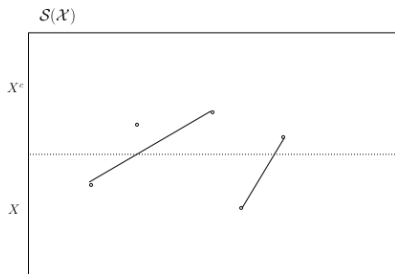


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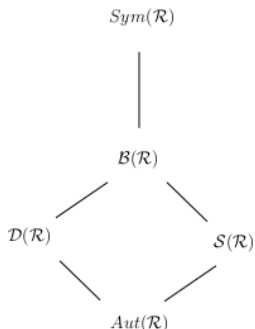
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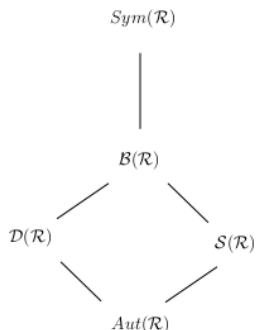
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$Aut(\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{R}})$  is 'large'!

e.g. if  $X, Y$  are two thin subsets of  $\mathcal{R}$ , then any bijection  $\alpha : X \rightarrow Y$  extends to an automorphism  $\bar{\alpha}$  of  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{R}}$ .

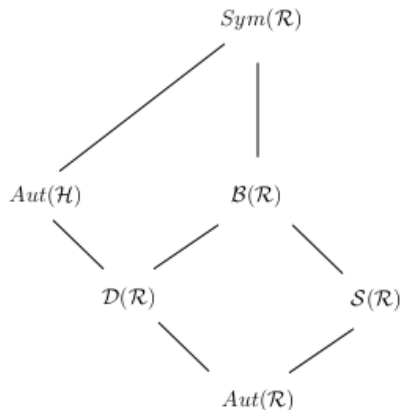
# Reducts and $Aut(\mathcal{H})$

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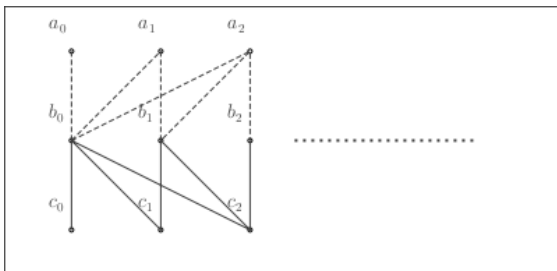


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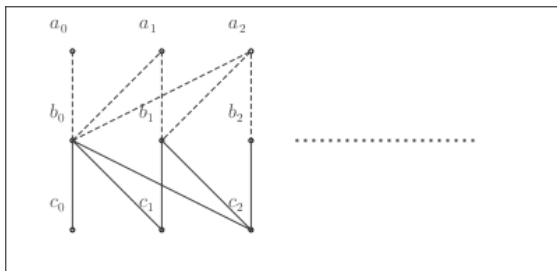
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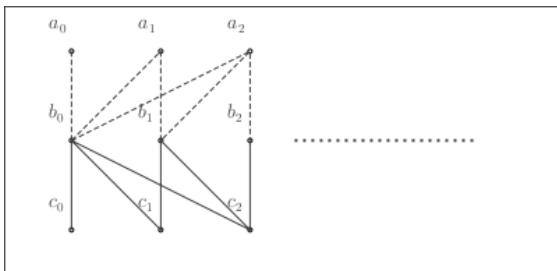
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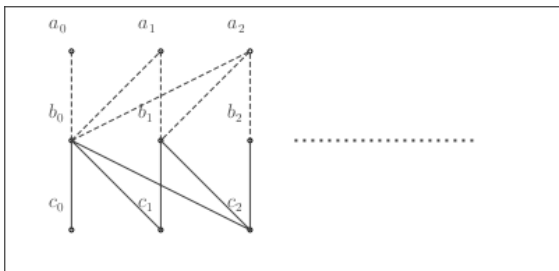
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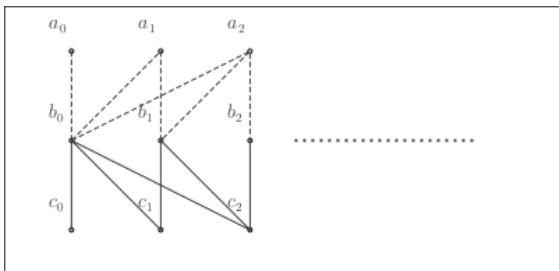
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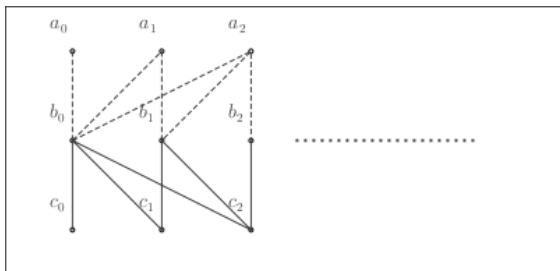
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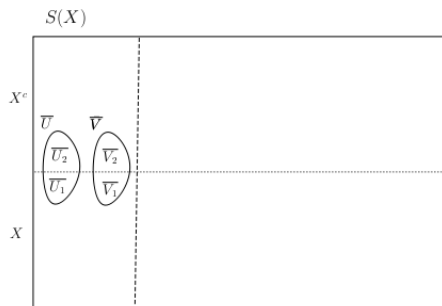
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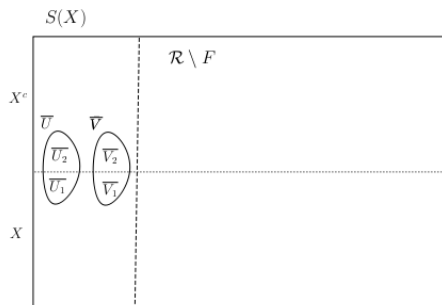
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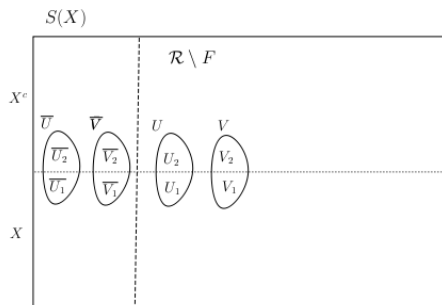


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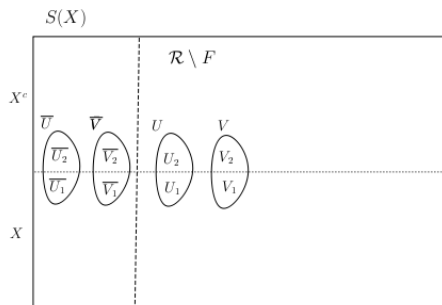
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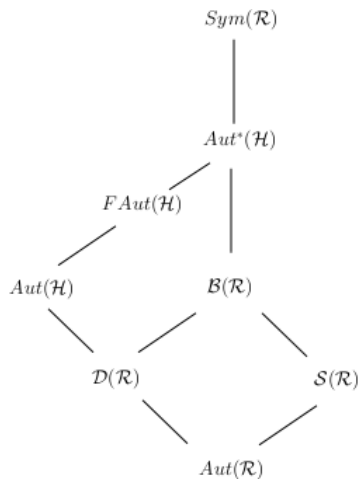
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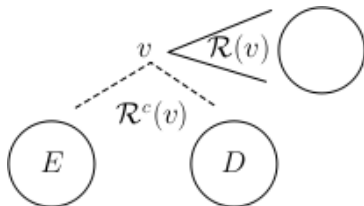
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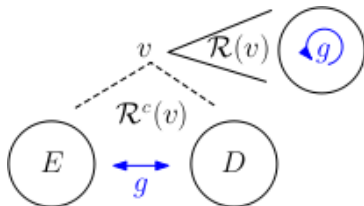
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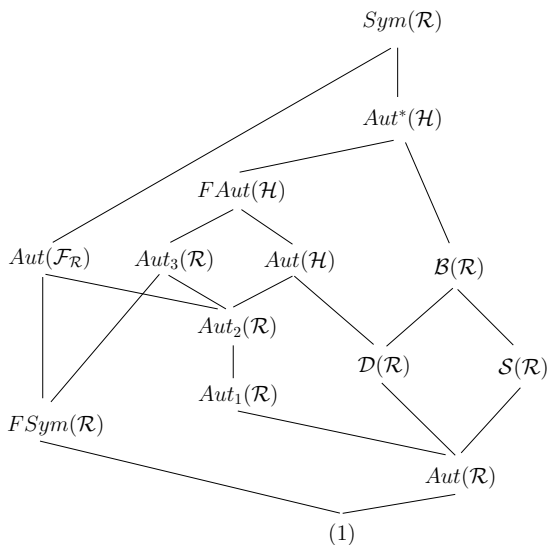
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## Overall picture



## Question

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