

~ Selected Chapters in  
Combinatorics ~

## Lecture 5

\* Fraïssé amalgamation

\* Types

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Def (homogeneous structure):

$L$ -str  $M$  is homogeneous if every isomorphism between finite (finitely generated) substructures is restriction of some automorphism of  $M$ .



Def (age):

$L$ -str.  $M$ .

$\text{Age}(M)$  is the class of all finite  $L$ -strs that embed into  $M$ .

Examples:

•  $(\mathbb{Q}, <)$

$\text{Age}(\mathbb{Q}, <)$  is

all finite lin. orders.

•  $(\omega, =)$

all finite sets.

•  $\mathbb{K}_n$  new

$\Delta$



# Examples (hom. str)

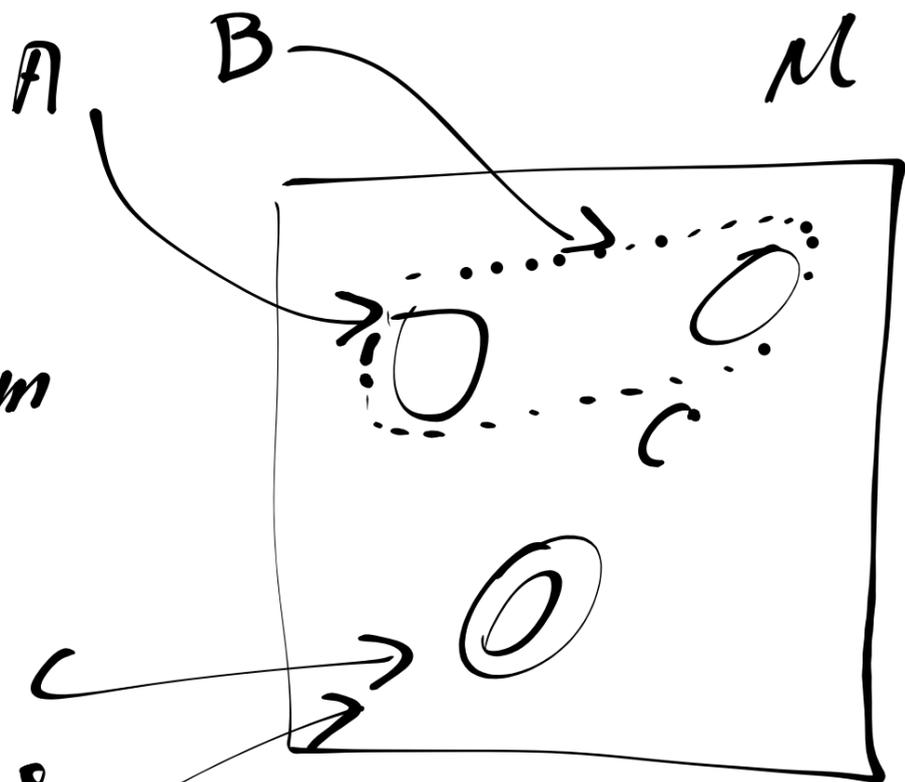
Properties of the age of a ctble  
rel. str.

(i) only countably  
many isomorphism  
types

(ii) closed  
under  
isomorphisms,  
substructures

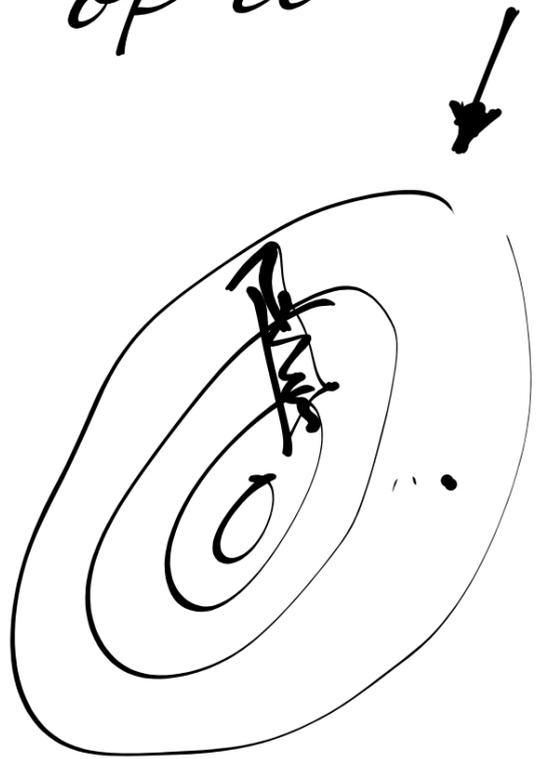
(hereditary)

(iii) (JEP) for all  $A, B \in \text{Age}(M)$   
there exist  $C \in \text{Age}(M)$   
into which  $A, B$  embed.



Prop: Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a class of finite  $L$ -strs. If  $\mathcal{C}$  satisfies (i)-(iii) then  $\mathcal{C}$  is the age of a countable  $L$ -str.

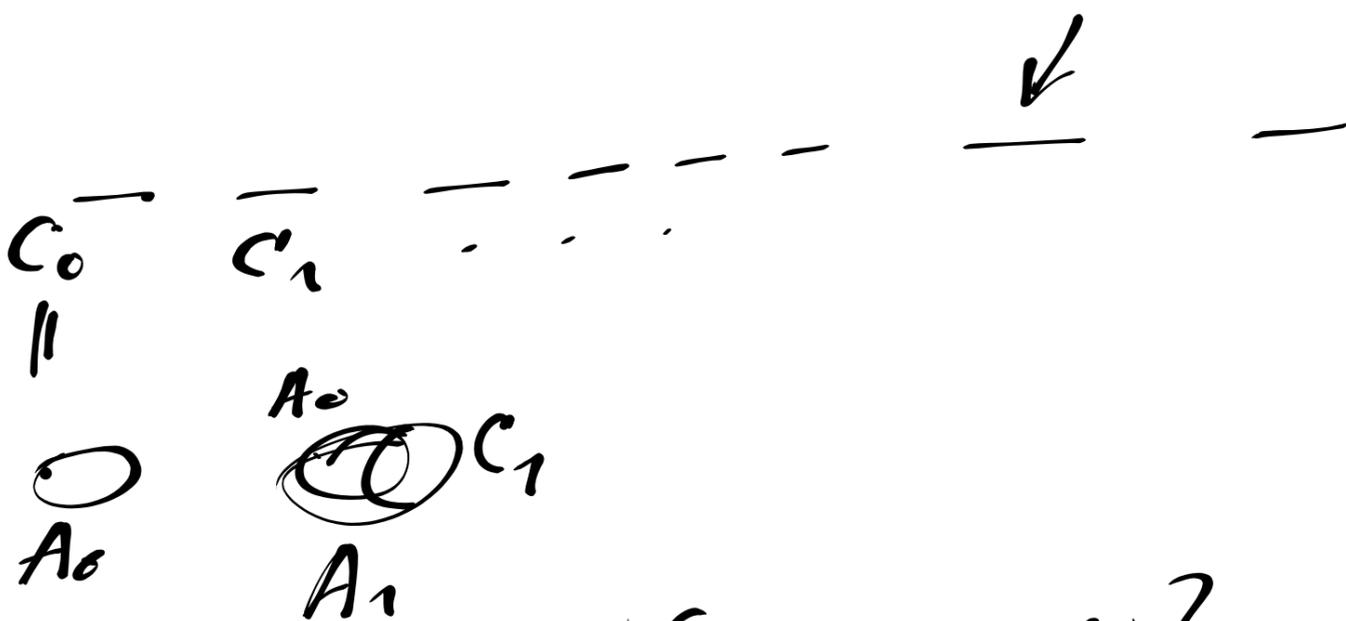
Pf: Let  $C_0, C_1, \dots$  be representatives of iso. classes in  $\mathcal{C}$  (i)



Construct a chain  $A_0 \subseteq A_1 \subseteq \dots$

$$A_0 := C_0$$

If  $A_j$  has been chosen, then find  $B \in \mathcal{C}$  s.t.  $A_j \hookrightarrow B$  and  $C_{j+1} \hookrightarrow B$

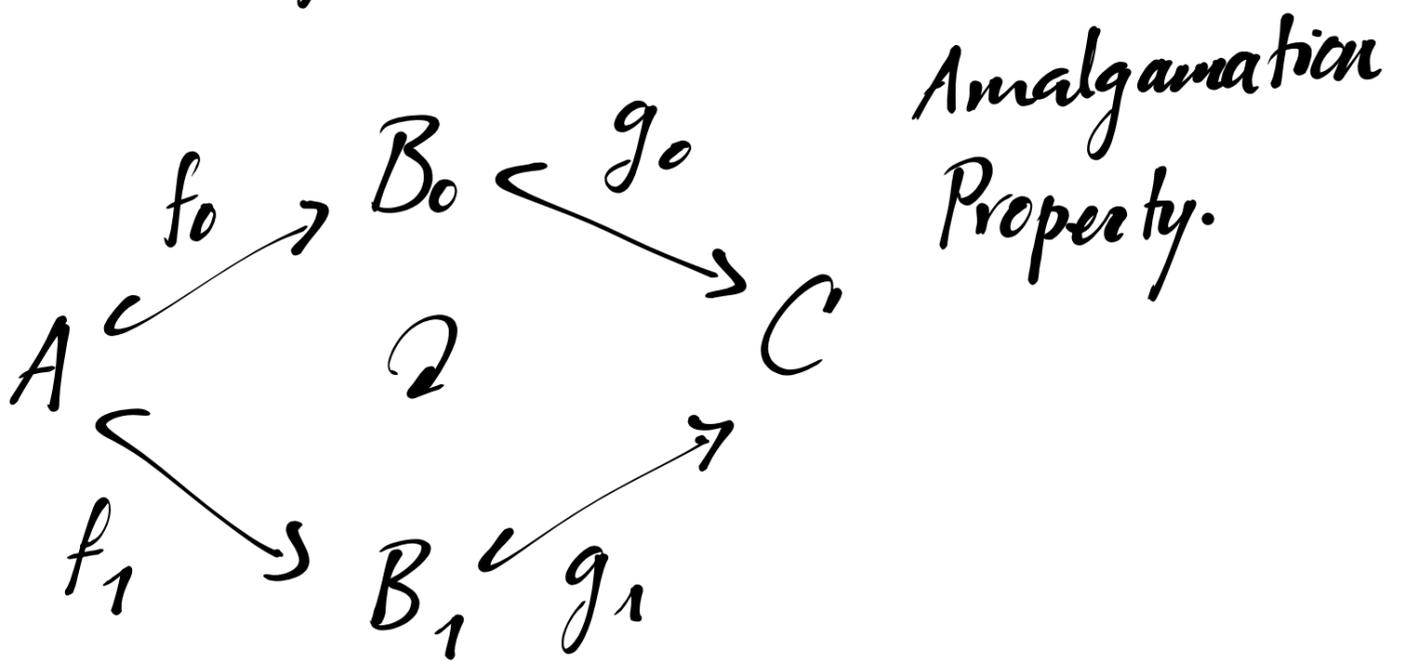


Let  $A = \bigcup \{A_n : n \in \omega\}$

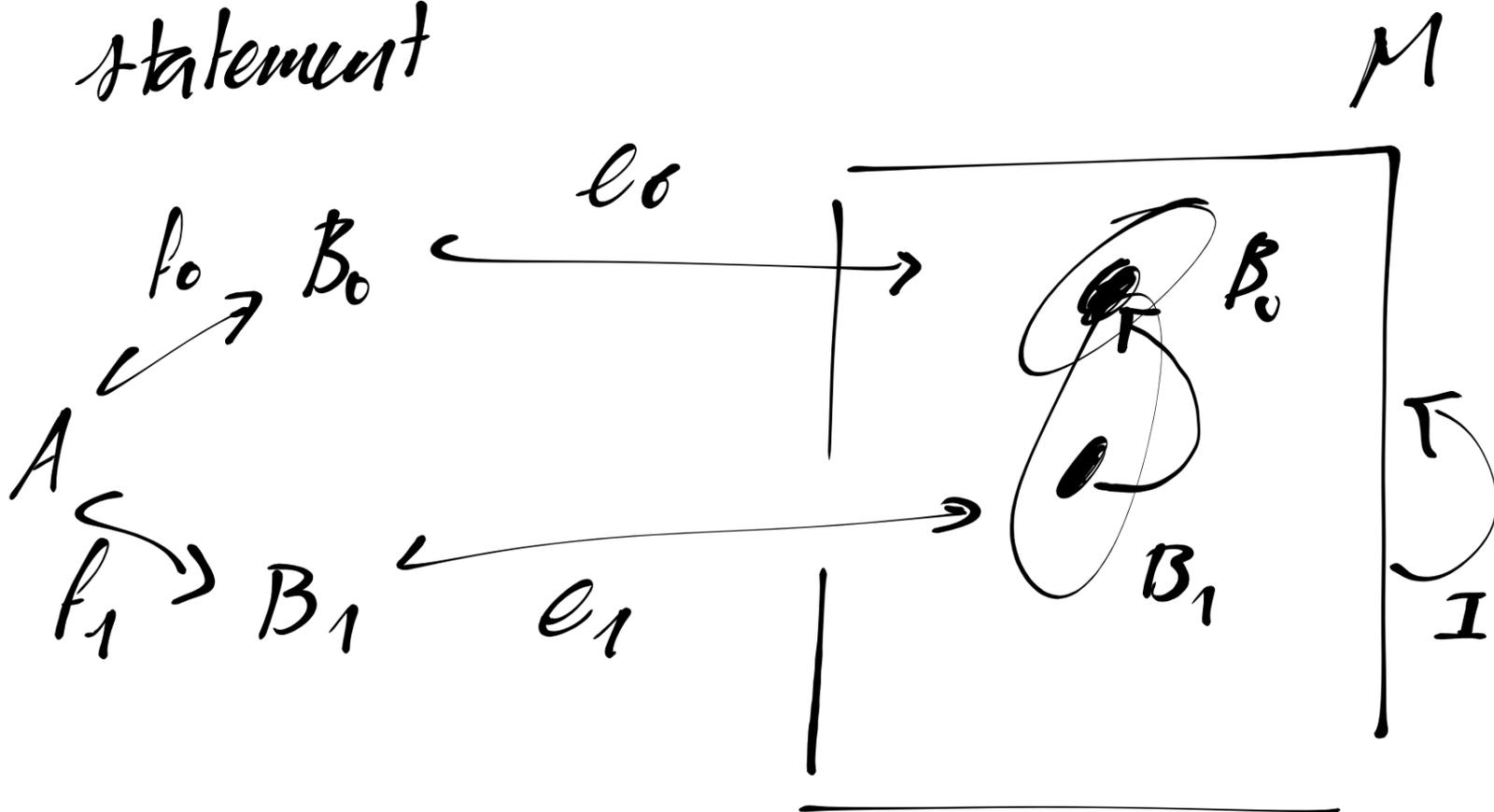
Verify  $\text{Age}(A) = \mathcal{C}$   $\square$

Prop: Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be a homogeneous  $L$ -structure. then

(AP) (iv) for all  $A, B_0, B_1 \in \text{Age}(\mathcal{M})$  and embeddings  $f_i: A \rightarrow B_i$  there exist  $C \in \text{Age}(\mathcal{M})$  and embeddings  $g_i: B_i \rightarrow C$  s.t.  
 $g_0 \circ f_0 = g_1 \circ f_1$



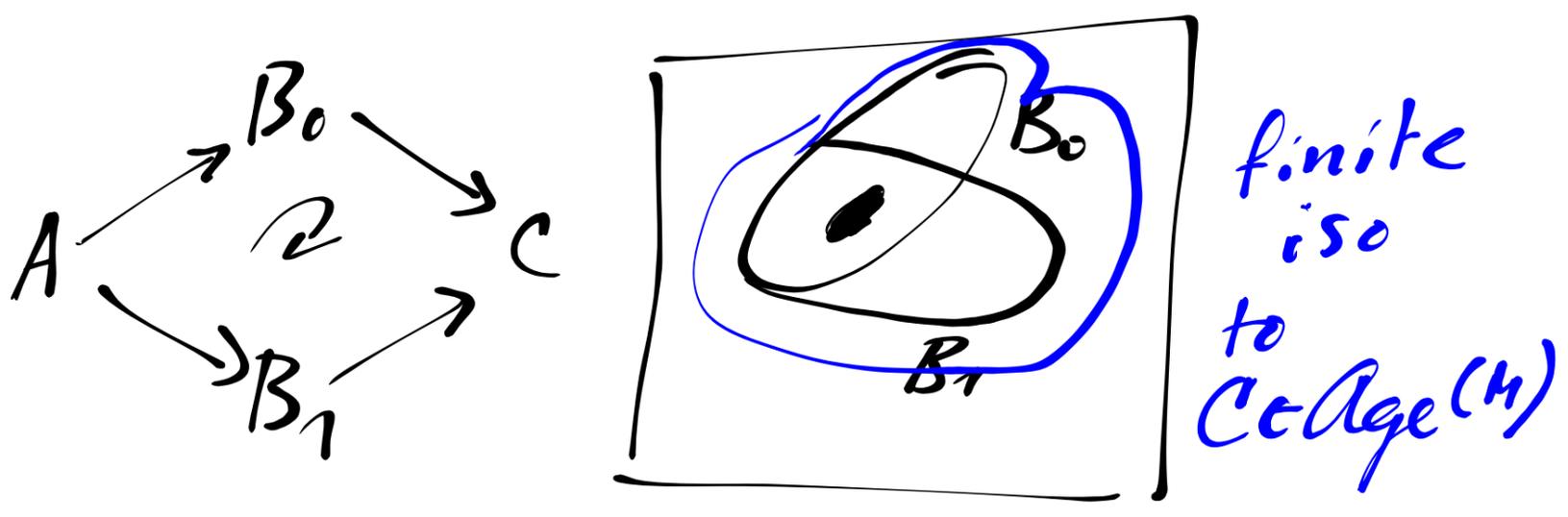
Pf: Take  $A, B_0, B_1$  as in the statement



$$\left. \begin{aligned} A' &= e_1 \circ f_1 [A] \\ A'' &= l_0 \circ f_0 [A] \end{aligned} \right\} \text{isomorphic}$$

there exists  $i: A' \rightarrow A''$   
isomorphism

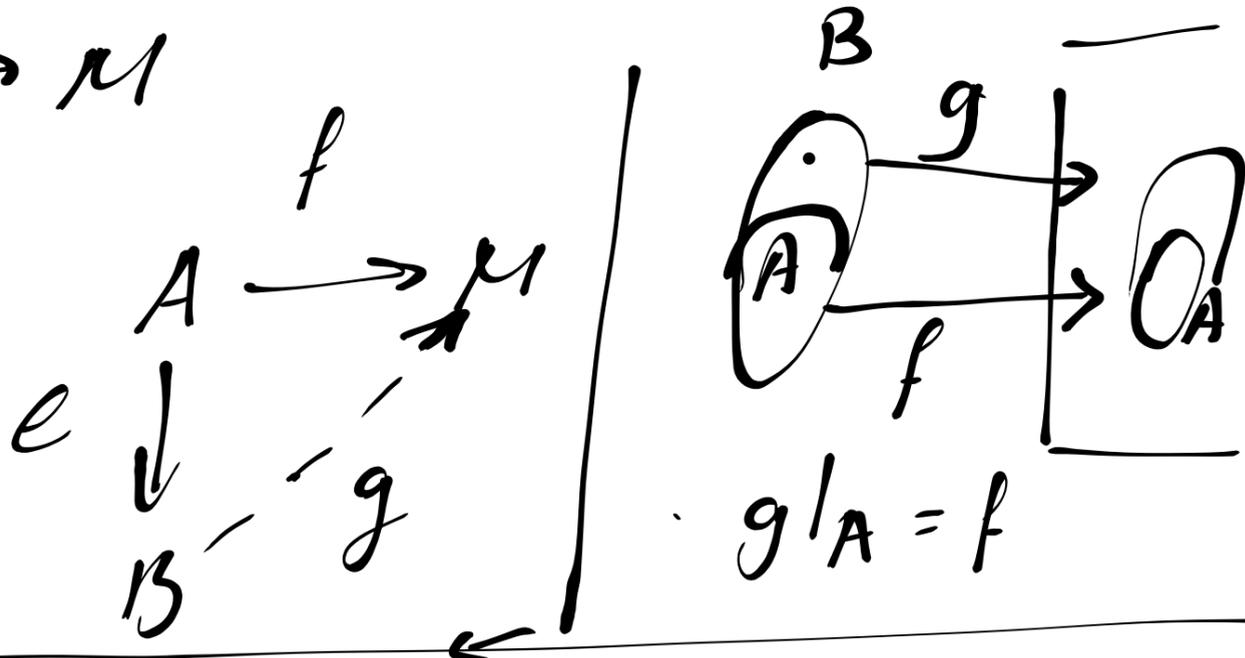
By homogeneity,  $i$  is restriction of an automorphism  $I$



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# Extension property

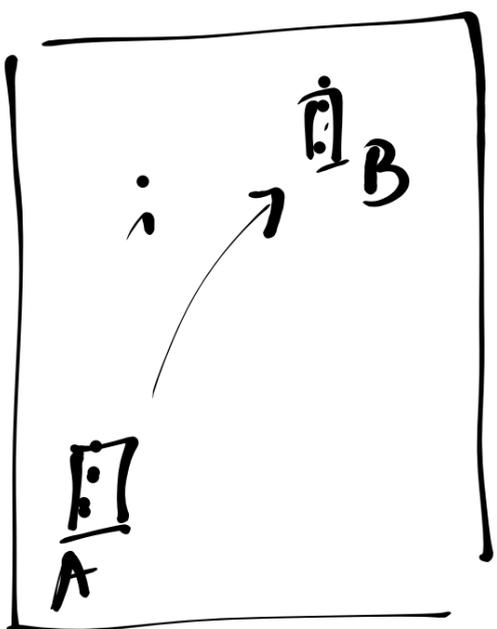
$M$  satisfies EP if for all  
 $e: A \hookrightarrow B \in \text{Age}(M)$  (embedding)  
 for all  $f: A \rightarrow M$  there exists  
 $g: B \rightarrow M$



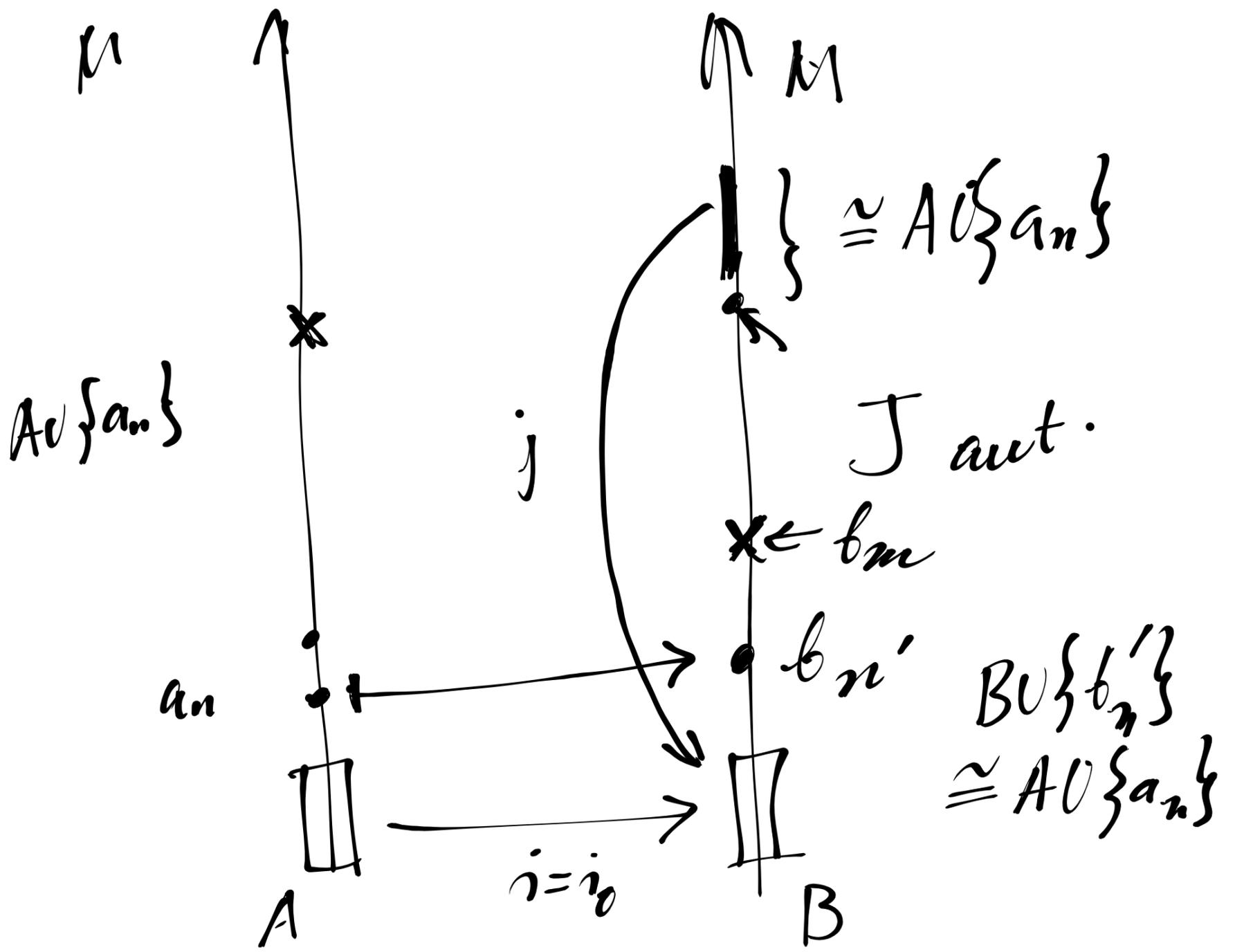
Prop: The EP is equivalent to homogeneity for ctbls str.

1. Assume EP.

Enumerate  $M$  in two ways:



$\{a_i : i \in \omega\} = M$   
 $= \{b_i : i \in \omega\} = M$   
 so that  
 $i: a_i \mapsto b_i$   
 for  $i < \omega$



to.th: Supp.  $i_n$  has been defined  
 let  $c$  be the least nat.  $\neq$   
 s.t.  $i_n$  is not defined at

$a_c$ .

Apply the argument above  
 to extend  $i_n$  to  $i_{n+1}$   
 which includes  $a_c$  in its  
 domain.

Back

$$f := \bigcup \{ i_m : m \in \omega \} \quad \square$$

Theorem (Fraïssé): Let  $L$  be a countable rel. language and  $\mathcal{C}$  a class of finite  $L$ -strs with properties (i) - (iv). Then there exists a homogeneous  $L$ -str  $M_{\mathcal{C}}$  such that  $\text{Age}(M_{\mathcal{C}}) = \mathcal{C}$ .  
 For any countable  $L$ -str  $N$ , if  $N$  is homogeneous and  $\text{Age}(N) = \mathcal{C}$  then  $N \cong M_{\mathcal{C}}$ .

Pf:

Existence

Let  $P$  be a set of representatives of the iso. classes in  $\mathcal{C}$

Enumerate all triples

$$(A, B, f)$$

where  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is an embedding.

$$A, B \in P$$

$$\{(A, B, f) : \dots\} \text{ " } \subseteq \text{ " } \omega^3$$

$C_0$  an element of  $\mathcal{C}$

Assume  $C_k$  has been constructed

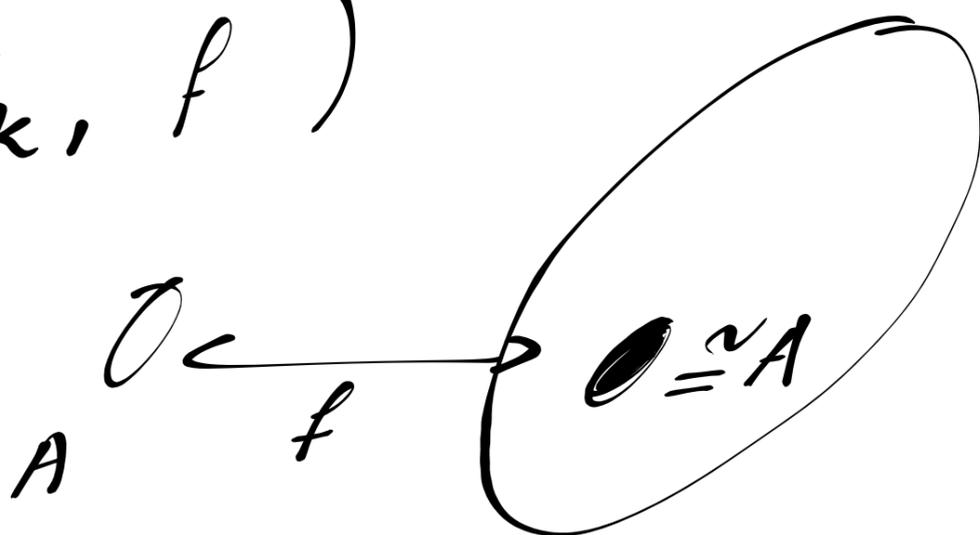
$\alpha: \omega^3 \rightarrow \omega$  bijective,

$$\alpha(i, j, k) \geq i$$

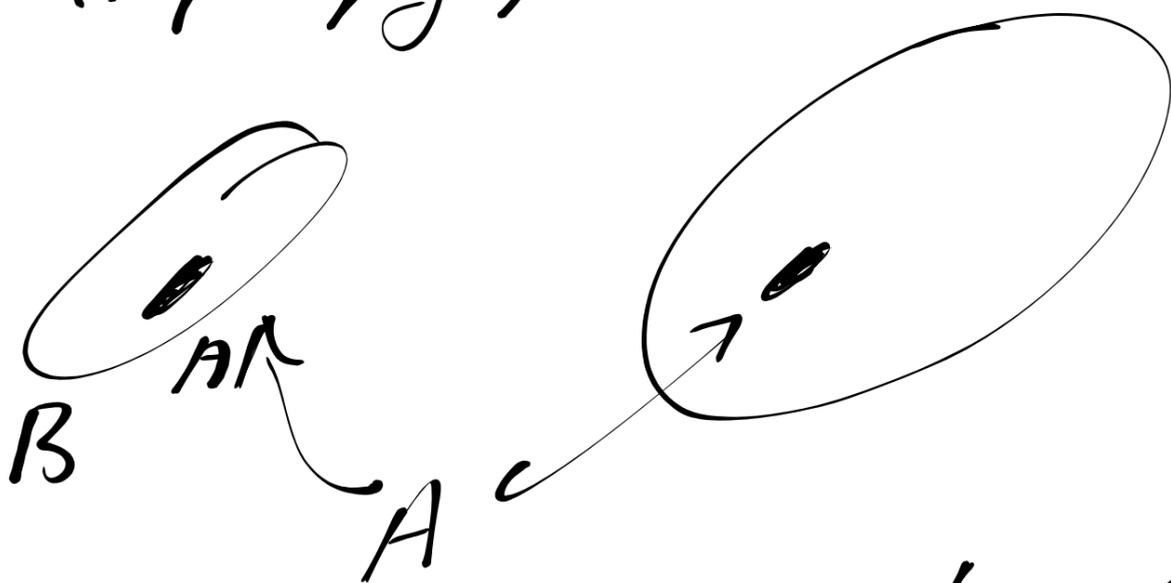
$(A, B, f)$  enumerated by  $\alpha$

↑  
Consider all triples of the

for  $(A, C_k, f)$   $C_k$

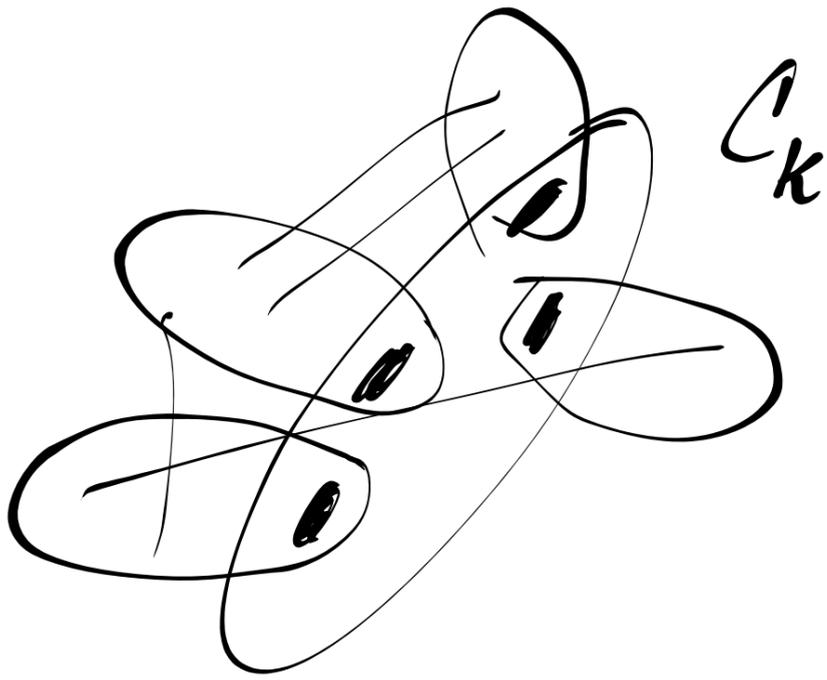


$(A, B, g)$

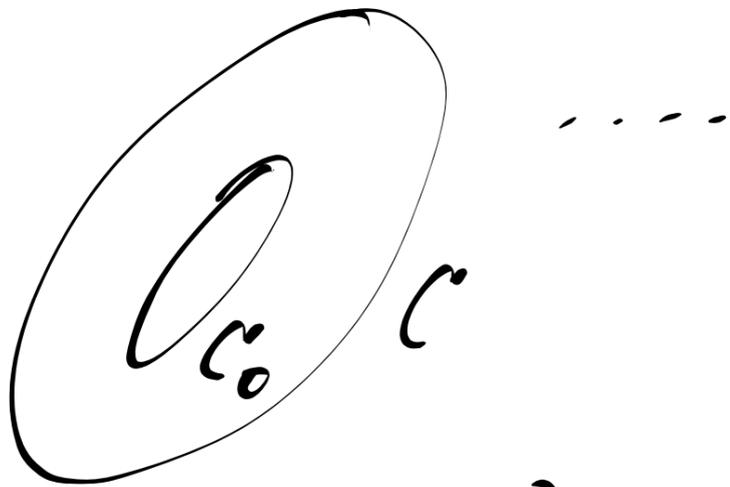


$C_{k+1}$  as amalg. of  $B$   
and  $C_k$  over  $A$ .

$(A, C_k, f_n)$   
 $\vdots$   
 $(A, C_k, f_2)$   
 $(A, C_k, f_1)$

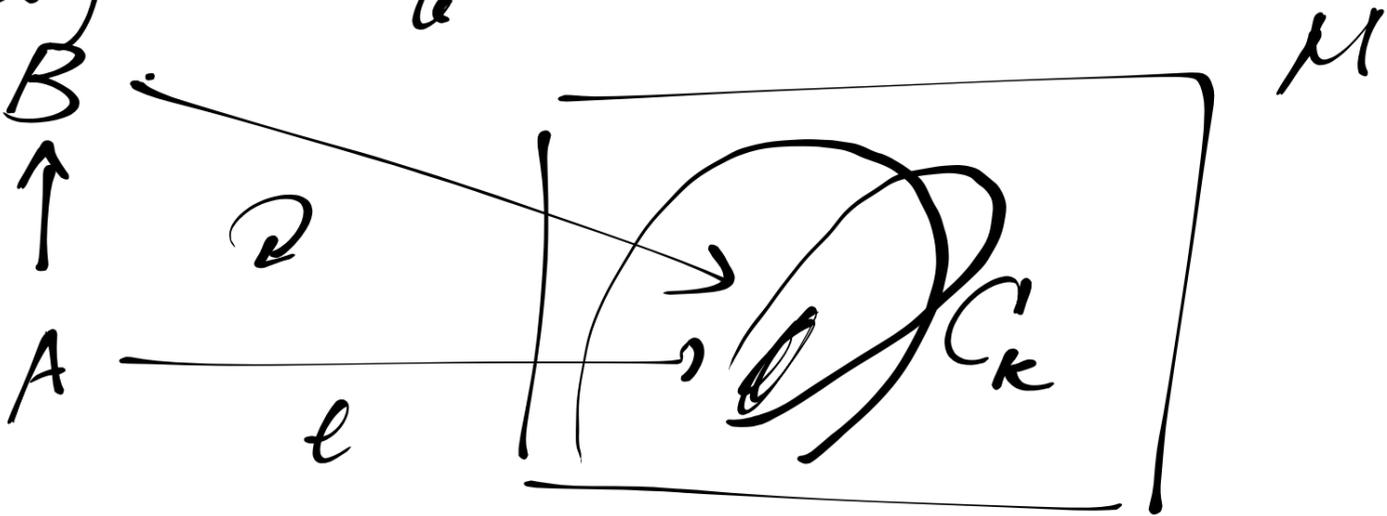


$(A_i, B_j, e) \quad \beta(i, j) = k$



$$M_\theta = \bigcup \{ C_i : i \in \omega \}$$

Easy:  $M_\theta$  satisfies  $EP \rightarrow M_\theta$  hom



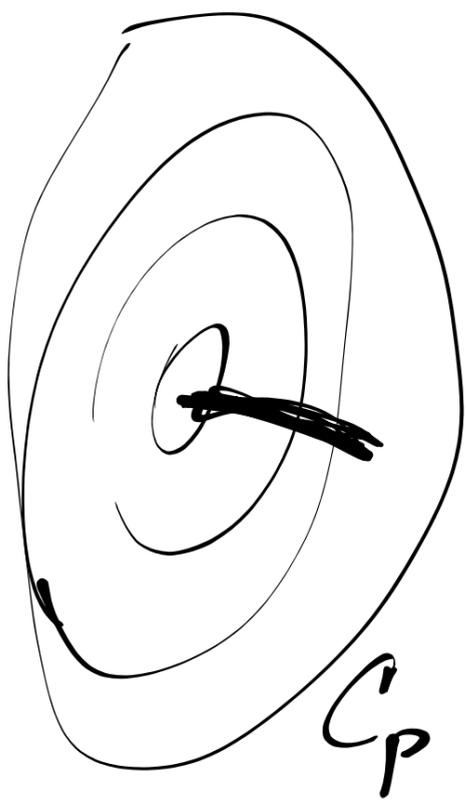
$$\text{Age}(M_{\mathcal{L}}) = \mathcal{L}$$

Given  $A \in \mathcal{L}$ ,  $A$  embeds  
into some  $C_k \subseteq_{\text{fin}} M_{\mathcal{L}}$

So  $A$  embeds into  $M_{\mathcal{L}}$   
and  $\mathcal{L} \subseteq \text{Age}(M_{\mathcal{L}})$ .

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$B \in \text{Age}(M_{\mathcal{L}})$



← Each  $C_p$  is  
product of  
an amalgamation  
therefore (by AP  
of  $\mathcal{L}$ ) iso. to  
an elt. of  $\mathcal{L}$

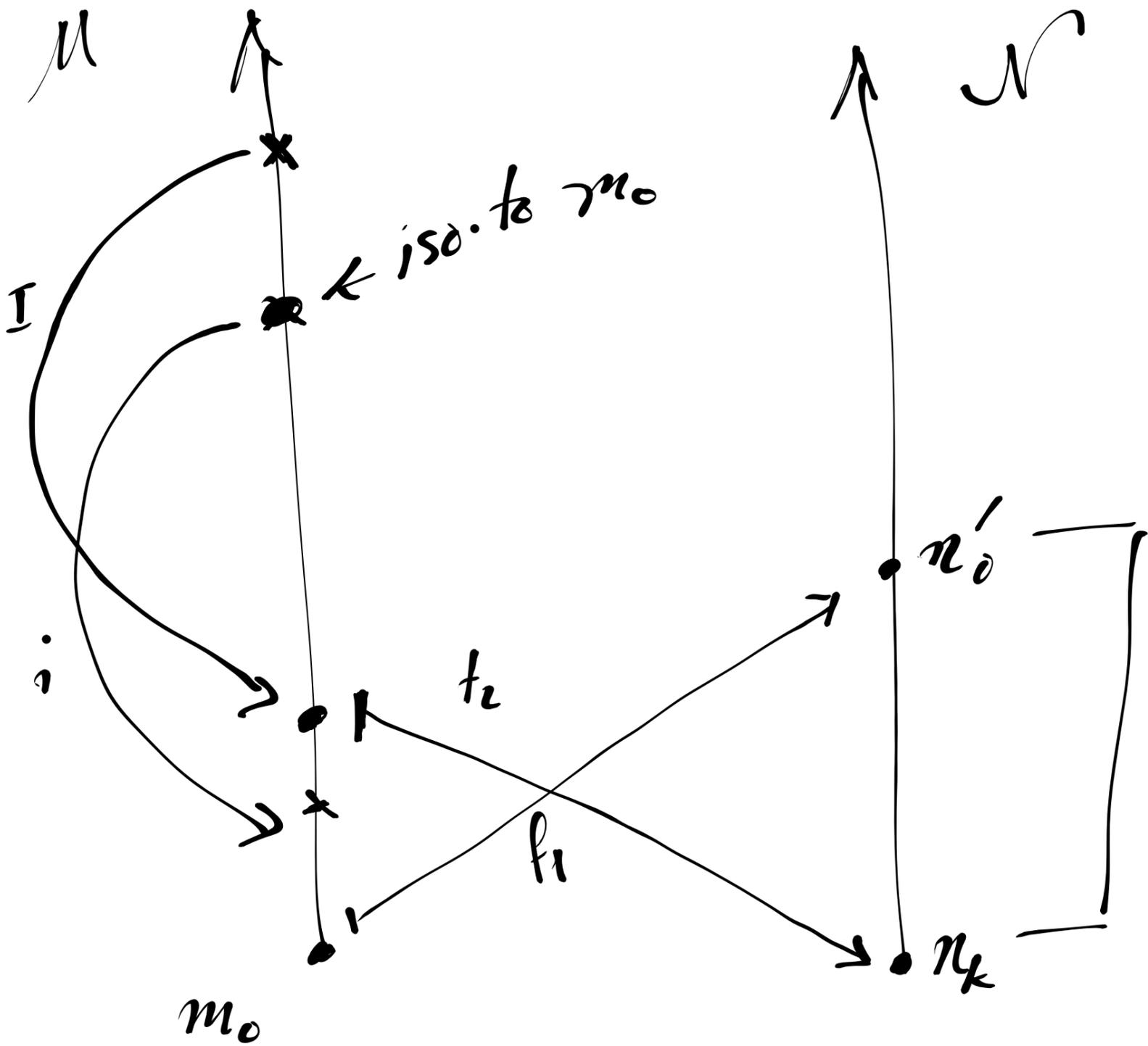
Since  $\mathcal{L}$  is closed under iso,  
 $B \in \mathcal{L}$ .

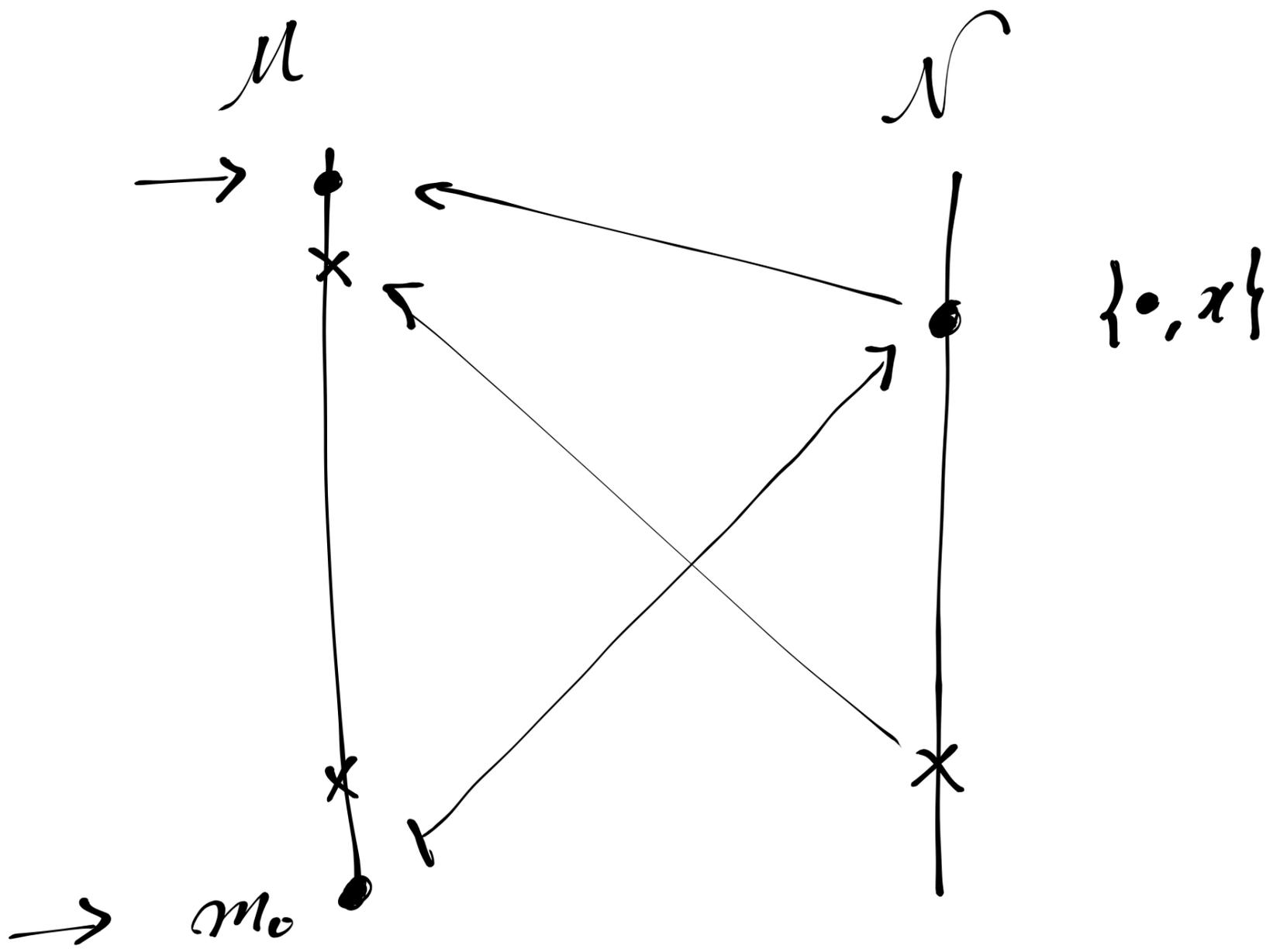
# Aniqueness

Suppose  $\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N}$  are cble,  
hom. and  $\text{Age}(\mathcal{M}) = \text{Age}(\mathcal{N})$

Enumerate  $\mathcal{M} = \{m_i : i \in \omega\}$

$\mathcal{N} = \{n_i : i \in \omega\}$





$$\underline{\text{Age}(M)} = \underline{\text{Age}(N)}$$

$$\{m_0\} \subseteq M$$

$$A_0 \in \text{Age}(M) = \text{Age}(N)$$

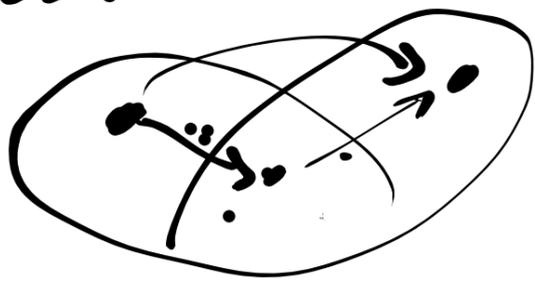
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$$\{m_0\}$$

Fraïssé' limits

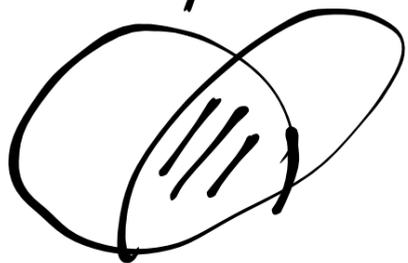
# Examples

- Partial orders -



transitive closure

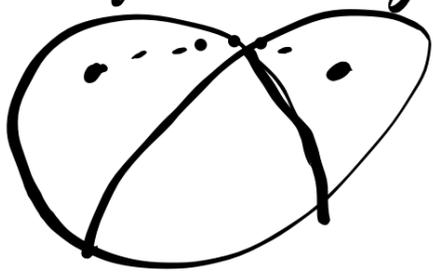
- Graphs



$R_a(n)$  do  $(m)$

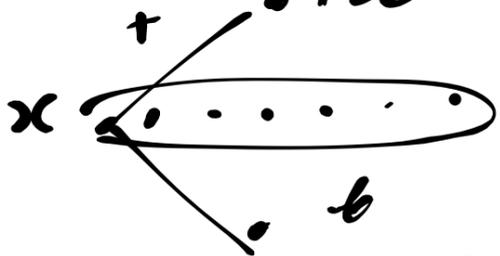
$$a < b < c \\ a < c$$

-  $K_n$ -free graphs



Universal hom.  
 $K_n$ -free graph

- Metric spaces



distances =  $\mathbb{Q}$   
Completion of Fr. limit  
is Urysohn space.

- Linear orders

$\leadsto$  Fr. limit  
iso. to  $(\mathbb{Q}, <)$

- finite sets

$\leadsto$  Fr. limit  
countable set

## Types

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 $\{x > 0\} \cup \{x < \frac{1}{n} : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$   
variable

Def (realised, satisfiable, fin. sat)

- An  $n$ -type is a set of formulas on free vars  $x_1, \dots, x_n$
- $p$ -type realised in  $M$  if there exist  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in M$  s.t.  $M \models \varphi(a_1, \dots, a_n)$  for all  $\varphi \in p$ .
- $p$  is satisfiable if realised in some elementary extension
- $p$  finitely satisfiable if every fin. subset of  $p$  is realised.

Def (n-type)

Examples

Lemma Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be an  $L$ -structure and  $\Sigma(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  be a set of formulas. TFAE:

- (1)  $\Sigma$  is an  $n$ -type of  $\mathcal{M}$
- (2) Every finite subset of  $\Sigma$  is realised in  $\mathcal{M}$ .
- (3)  $\mathcal{M}$  has an elementary extension that realises  $\Sigma$

Def (maximal/complete type,  
 $tp(a/x)$ .)